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BERLIN VIEWS LOCARNO POWERS' MEMORANDUM WITH DISTASTE

EDEN'S STATEMENT ON NEGOTIATIONS

PROPOSALS FAIR AND REASONABLE

FLANDIN DECLARES RELATIONS WITH BRITAIN STRENGTHENED

London, To-day.
The diplomatic and Dominions' galleries were crowded and there was an unusually large attendance in the House of Commons when Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, rose and made a brief statement on the international negotiations in London.

He announced that agreement had been reached with France, Belgium and Italy as regards the proposals which would be submitted to the League Council, whose task of pronouncing whether Germany had unilaterally repudiated the Locarno Treaty was comparatively simple. It was highly desirable that Germany be represented at the grave deliberations and should have the opportunity of stating her case on equal terms before a vote was taken. He anticipated that the next meeting of the Council would be on Monday, when there would also be a meeting of the Committee of Thirteen to consider the Italian and Abyssinian replies to the proposed peace negotiations.

CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES?

Foreshadowed By Flandin

FRESH SUGGESTION

Paris, To-day.
M. Flandin, the French Foreign Minister, in the Chamber, yesterday foreshadowed the cessation of hostilities and the raising of sanctions. His text relating to Abyssinia was as follows:

"I have endeavoured to prepare the restoration of the Stresa front, which ought now to be realised, thanks to the opening of the peace negotiations which I succeeded in arranging at Geneva recently, which in our opinion ought to entail rapidly and simultaneously the suspension of hostilities and sanctions."—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

STEP TOWARDS PEACE

Paris, later: Authoritative French quarters stress the importance of M. Flandin's statement in the Chamber with regard to Abyssinia. It is declared that it should be interpreted purely as a French suggestion made on M. Flandin's own initiative with a view to creating an atmosphere favourable to peace.

SURPRISE IN ROME

Rome: M. Flandin's reference to Abyssinia caused surprise in unofficial circles. It is pointed out that Italy is not likely to cease her military operations when her terms are accepted in advance and their execution guaranteed.—Reuter.

LOCAL DOLLAR STEADY

Silver Prices Up

The local dollar is steady, opening on demand this morning at 1/315d.
"Spot" silver rose 1/16 to 19-13/16, while "forward" also advanced 1/16 to 19-1/4.
The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at £-U.S.\$4.96 1/2, as compared with £-U.S.\$4.96 1/4, while the New York on London cross-rate was quoted at £-U.S.\$4.96 1/4, as compared with £-U.S.\$4.97 1/2.

GERMAN UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES

Berlin, To-day.—At the beginning of January the number of unemployed at the German labour offices was still rising slightly. This rise has now come to a standstill, and at the end of last month a decrease of 90,000 was once again registered.—Trans-Ocean Service.



Photographs taken soon after the luxury liner Empress of Britain had docked at Kowloon Wharf early yesterday morning. ("China Mail" photo).

NOTEWORTHY VISIT TO ROME

By Austrian And Hungarian Statesmen

Rome, To-day.
The Austrian and Hungarian Premiers and Foreign Ministers arrived yesterday and were met by Signor Mussolini, high Fascist officials and a large crowd. The visit of the representatives of the two non-sanctionist countries is regarded as noteworthy.—Reuter.

THE COMBINED MANOEUVRES

Official Communique Issued

ENEMY PLANES AND SHIPPING SUFFER HEAVY CASUALTIES

An official communique from Fortress Headquarters issued this morning stated that their operations began at 4 p.m. yesterday by the Blue Land, who opened their offensive with an intensive air action against the vulnerable points on both the Island and mainland, the attack being by high-altitude bombing and by dive bombing. Owing to the low cloud level considerable damage was caused to aircraft by the necessity for low flying, as all vulnerable points are adequately guarded by anti-aircraft Lewis machine-guns. The intensive air action lasted until 9 p.m. when, owing to bad visibility, aircraft attack was made singularly, chiefly on the Island.
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NEW COLONIAL SECRETARY FOR STRAITS

London, To-day.—Mr. Alexander Sym Small, of the Malayan Civil Service, has been appointed Colonial Secretary, Straits Settlements, in succession to Sir Andrew Caldecot, present Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Hong Kong.—Reuter.

FLOOD HAVOC IN U.S.

Famine And Disease Threat

PITIFUL SCENES

New York, To-day.
The flood waters of the Potomac and other rivers are receding, revealing a catastrophic scene of desolation. The damage is estimated at \$300,000,000, of which \$100,000,000 is in Western Pennsylvania.

There are pitiful scenes among the ravaged communities, where thousands are stunned at the realization that they have lost everything. Famine and disease are threatening the affected areas.—Reuter.

AKRON RUBBER STRIKE

Agreement Subject To Ratification

Washington, To-day.
The Department of Labour has been advised that agreement has been reached for the settlement of the Akron rubber strike, subject to ratification by a mass meeting of the workers to-day.—Reuter.

GERMAN SHIPS IN BRITISH PORTS

Hamburg, To-day.—The proportion of ships under the German flag in British ports has risen from 4 per cent in 1930 to 6.4 per cent in 1935, or from 2,558 to 4,146 reg. tons.—Trans-Ocean Service.

WEATHER REPORT

Fresh north-easterly winds, cloudy, is the forecast for to-day, as issued this morning by the Royal Observatory.

BRUNO HAUPTMANN'S EXECUTION

Fixed For March 31

Trenton, N.J., To-day.
The execution of Bruno Hauptmann, found guilty of the murder of the kidnapped Lindbergh baby, has been fixed for the evening of March 31.—Reuter.

H.M. THE KING'S BIRTHDAY

To Be Celebrated On June 23

London, To-day.
H.M. the King's birthday will be celebrated in London and all stations at home and abroad on June 23, according to an announcement in last night's *Gazette*.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

NORTH ATLANTIC SHIPPING

NEW RATES TO BE INTRODUCED

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL
Hamburg, To-day.
In the new North Atlantic rate agreement, the "cabin" class will take the place of "first" class on all trans-Atlantic steamers. This applies to the German luxury liners also, and entails a new system of fare adjustment, which, however, will not lead to any marked change in rates. The tourist class will also remain practically the same.—Trans-Ocean Service.

GERMAN AMBASSADOR IN CHINA

Berlin, to-day.—The German Ambassador to China, Dr. Trautmann, after 4 1/2 years of uninterrupted services in that country, is returning home on leave.—Trans-Ocean Service.

TOO LIKE TREATY OF VERSAILLES

EARLIER OPTIMISM DISCOUNTED

DETAILS OF WHITE PAPER

London, To-day.
The White Paper containing the Locarno Powers' agreement, tabled in Parliament yesterday afternoon, is divided into two parts. The first deals with the measures arising from the infringement of Locarno and the second provides the framework for an ultimate international conference.

The first part, after affirming the infringement, lays down that an agreement shall immediately be concluded between the Locarno General Staffs to arrange provisional measures for mutual assistance. Germany will be invited to abide by The Hague Court decision regarding the Franco-Soviet Pact.

Measures are outlined to maintain order and security while The Hague is deciding the matter. The measures stipulate:

- (1) The maintenance of the status quo by the military forces in the Rhineland;
- (2) The maintenance of the status quo by the military in the Rhineland, apart from the Reichswehr;
- (3) The status quo regarding fortifications;
- (4) The despatch of an international force to the Franco-Belgian frontiers in a 20-kilometre strip of country;
- (5) An international commission will supervise the execution of the measures.

IN EVENT OF AGREEMENT
If Germany agrees to the foregoing she will be invited to negotiate on the following basis:

- (1) The proposals of the Hitler memorandum of March 7, excluding re-entry into the League;
- (2) The revision of the status of the Rhineland;
- (3) A pact of mutual assistance to replace Locarno.

WORLD CONFERENCE?
The second part invites a world conference:

- (1) To organise collective security;
- (2) More exactly to define the obligations and applications of Article XVI of the Covenant;
- (3) The delimitation of armaments;
- (4) To improve economic relations;
- (5) To examine the conditions in which Germany can return to the League, and for the conclusion of an East European Pact.

POSITION AGGRAVATED
Berlin, later: The situation since noon yesterday has been considerably aggravated following a closer perusal of the Locarno Powers' memorandum, said a high official of the Wilhelmstrasse last night. He added that the wording of the document was strongly reminiscent of the Treaty of Versailles. It was certainly not a bridge leading to a great peace plan.
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LONDON NAVAL TREATY TO BE SIGNED ON TUESDAY

London, To-day.—The formal signing of the London Naval Treaty will take place in Queen Anne's drawing room, St. James's Palace, on Tuesday next. The Drafting Committee held its final meeting yesterday and the first committee will meet to-day and probably again on Monday to approve the final text of the Treaty.—British Wireless Service.

HITLER SPEAKS AT HAMBURG

"GERMANY HAS NO ALTERNATIVE"

OFFER TO WORLD MUST BE ACCEPTED

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Hamburg, To-day.
The grand old Hanseatic city was taken by surprise at receiving such short notice of the Fuehrer's visit to address the population on the international issues that have for the moment made Germany a point towards which all the world is looking.

Beginning with a short survey of the hard task the National Socialist Government had had during the last three years, Herr Hitler stressed the importance of the present Reichstag election. The public opinion of the whole world was taking an interest in the German election, said the Chancellor, and that was something a mere mortal could only fight against, when he knew that he had the whole nation behind him.

It was for this reason that he asked the nation to vote again, not, he emphasised, to determine the duration of his Government—that had been guaranteed by the Reichstag till the autumn of next year. Apart from that he felt himself secured by the achievements of the Government.

ISOLATION THREAT
Referring to the present problem, Herr Hitler said again, either this problem would be solved in the manner which Germany so ardently desired, or Germany would prefer honourable isolation.

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HITLER STANDS FIRM

"Germany Will Not Waver"

Hamburg, To-day.
"I need the German people behind me in the struggle for equality against the encroachment of others, who again to-day treat us as unequal," said Herr Hitler in an election speech to 50,000 people at the great Hansa Hall yesterday.

He added: "The world must know that we will never go back a centimetre from our demands for equality. I pity the statesmen who think that German co-operation can be inaugurated by new defamations of Germany." The speech, which was unusually short, made no direct reference to the White Paper.

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INWARD MAILS.

FROM EUROPE

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FROM U.S.A.

Pres. Harrison Mar. 27
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Pres. Lincoln Mar. 30

FROM SHANGHAI

Kwangtung Mar. 21
Tsinan Mar. 24
Ajax Mar. 24
Pres. Doumer Mar. 27
Gen. Sherman Mar. 27
Scharnhorst Mar. 27
Somali Mar. 27
Pres. Harrison Mar. 27
Emp. of Canada Mar. 27
Eumaeus Mar. 28
Chichibu Maru Mar. 28
Pres. Lincoln Mar. 30

FROM JAPAN

Noto Maru Mar. 24
Toyama Maru Mar. 27
Montevideo Maru Mar. 27
Gen. Sherman Mar. 27
Fushimi Maru Mar. 27
Atsuta Maru Mar. 27
Pres. Harrison Mar. 27
Emp. of Canada Mar. 28
Chichibu Maru Mar. 28
Nagato Maru Mar. 28
Pres. Lincoln Mar. 30
Nankin Mar. 31

FROM MANILA

Tjisaraos Mar. 29

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR EUROPE

Pres. Coolidge (via Siberia) Mar. 23
Montevideo Maru (Imperial Service) Mar. 23
Closes: Reg. 1 p.m. Ord. 1.30 p.m.
Pres. Doumer (Air-Orient Service) Mar. 24
Closes: Reg. 10 a.m. Ord. 10.30 a.m.
Automedon Mar. 24
Ajax (via Marseilles) Mar. 25
Closes: Reg. 8.45 a.m. Ord. 9.30 a.m.
Scharnhorst (via Marseilles) Mar. 26
Closes: Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.
Fushimi Maru Mar. 27

FOR STRAITS AND INDIA

Montevideo Maru Mar. 23
Scharnhorst Mar. 26
Fushimi Maru Mar. 27

FOR SHANGHAI

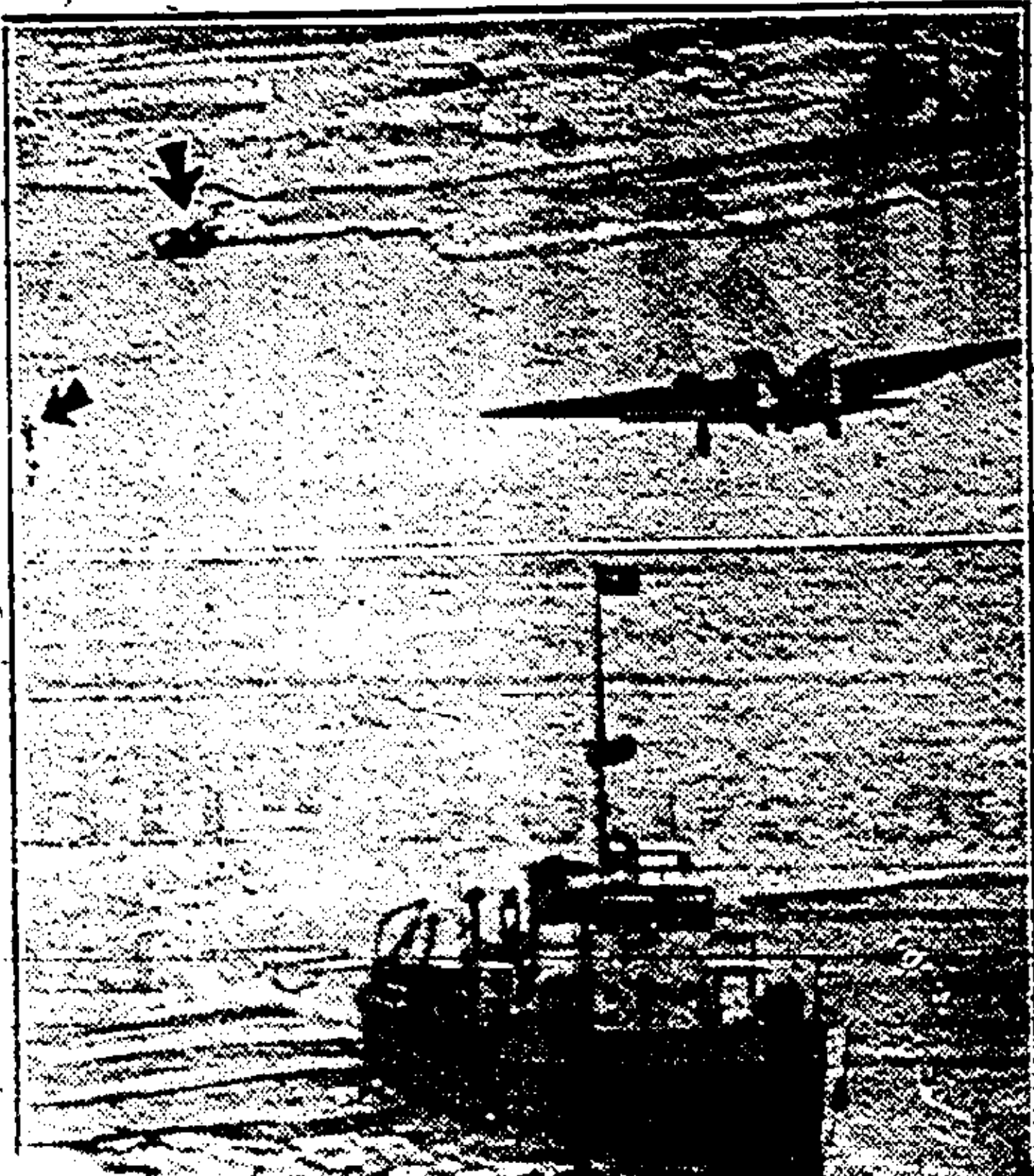
Pres. Coolidge Mar. 23
Automedon Mar. 24
Emp. of Britain Mar. 24
Hakusan Maru Mar. 27

FOR JAPAN

Pres. Coolidge Mar. 23
Hakusan Maru Mar. 27

FOR AUSTRALIA

Atsuta Maru Mar. 27



Blankets and food for the seven CCC boys marooned on the ice of Cape Cod Bay off Brewster, Massachusetts, for 22 hours before their rescue, were dropped by the crew of an army bombing plane. The plane is shown, top, approaching one of the groups of marooned boys; below, a view of the patrol boat Harriet Lane attempting to push through the thick ice to the rescue. A small boat launched by the patrol ship effected the rescue.



Ann Hopkins, the attractive daughter of President Ernest M. Hopkins of Dartmouth College, reigns as queen of the 25th annual Dartmouth winter carnival at Hanover, New Hampshire. Other beautiful participants served as members of her court.



When the heavyweight boxing champion, Jimmy Braddock, heard at Miami that his two-year-old daughter Rose Marie was ill at his home in New Jersey, he cut short his vacation and hurried home. A hug and a kiss seems to have done more than doctor's pills, for here the two of them are "talking things over."



Arrested for picketing the Brooklyn, New York, store strike, Norman Thomas, center, Socialist leader, and a friend dressed to characterize Abraham Lincoln, are seen as they entered the police wagon. This was the first ride the former Socialist candidate had ever taken in a "Black Maria."



(Left) One of the members of the five CCC youths adrift on an ice floe in Cape Cod Bay is seen signalling to the plane from which this picture was taken just before the Coast Guard rescued them. An army bomber dropped food and blankets down to them. Two boys on another ice cake were also rescued.

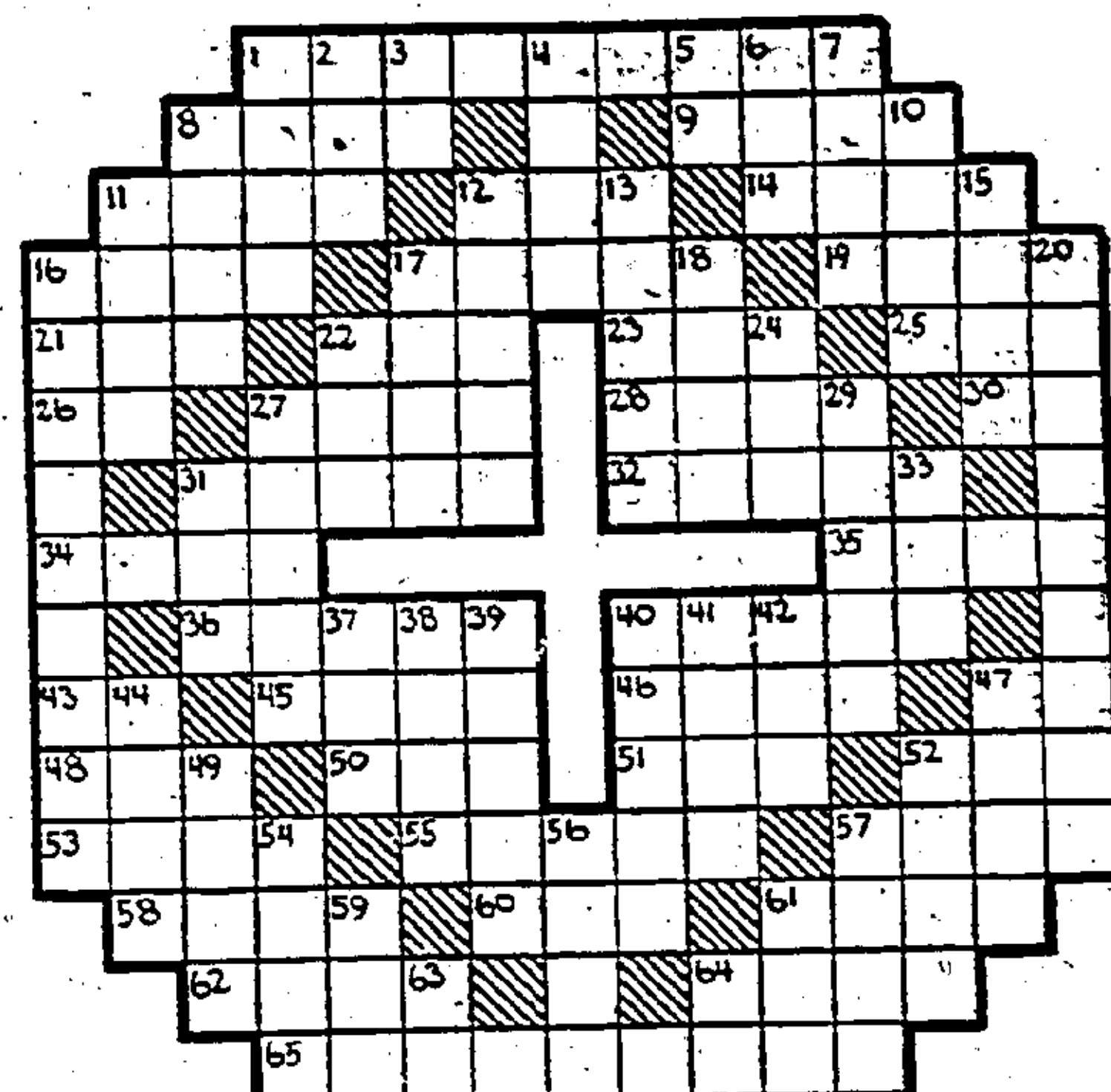


Miss Marjorie Williamson, aged 16, soprano of Cardiff, Wales, arrives in New York to accept a radio contract. She won the medal of honour at the famous Welsh Eisteddfod festival last summer.

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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Warrant
- 8-Throw
- 9-Egg-shaped
- 11-A flower
- 12-Full of moisture
- 14-English school
- 16-Grate
- 17-To furnish food
- 19-Clip
- 21-Science
- 22-Small bed
- 23-Born
- 25-South African antelope
- 26-Pronoun
- 27-Lucid
- 28-Girl's name
- 30-Comparative suffix
- 31-Ocean vessel
- 32-Rub out
- 34-Affirm
- 35-Personal interest
- 36-Put off
- 40-Guide
- 42-Treasurer (abbr.)
- 45-Rescue
- 46-Tinge
- 47-Pronoun
- 48-Undressed timber

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 51-A color
- 52-Hinder
- 53-A tale
- 55-Rows
- 57-An Etruscan god (pl.)
- 58-Profound
- 60-Coarse hemp
- 61-Remove the skin
- 62-Existed
- 64-Waste away
- 65-Went down

VERTICAL

- 1-To breathe convulsively
- 2-Employ
- 3-Preposition
- 4-Assist
- 5-Preposition
- 6-Evening (Poet.)
- 7-Consumes
- 8-Price
- 10-Having length
- 11-Scarce
- 12-Liquid
- 13-Taut

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 15-A number
- 16-Wildly
- 17-Fruit of the pine
- 18-Erect
- 20-Cleaners
- 22-Food container
- 24-Epoch
- 27-Fathers
- 28-Item in one's property
- 31-Guided
- 33-Ever (contr.)
- 37-Distant
- 38-Wrong doing
- 39-Pay back
- 40-Scatter
- 41-Since
- 42-Terminate
- 44-A thoroughfare
- 47-A rodent
- 49-Matured
- 50-Nude
- 54-Want
- 56-Not any
- 57-Turf
- 59-Prefix, Before
- 61-Pastry
- 63-Plural suffix
- 64-Paid (abbr.)

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue

PEPPERMINT
GET
always
delicious
with
crushed ice
or
iced water
GET FRAMES
REVEL (H. Garonne) France

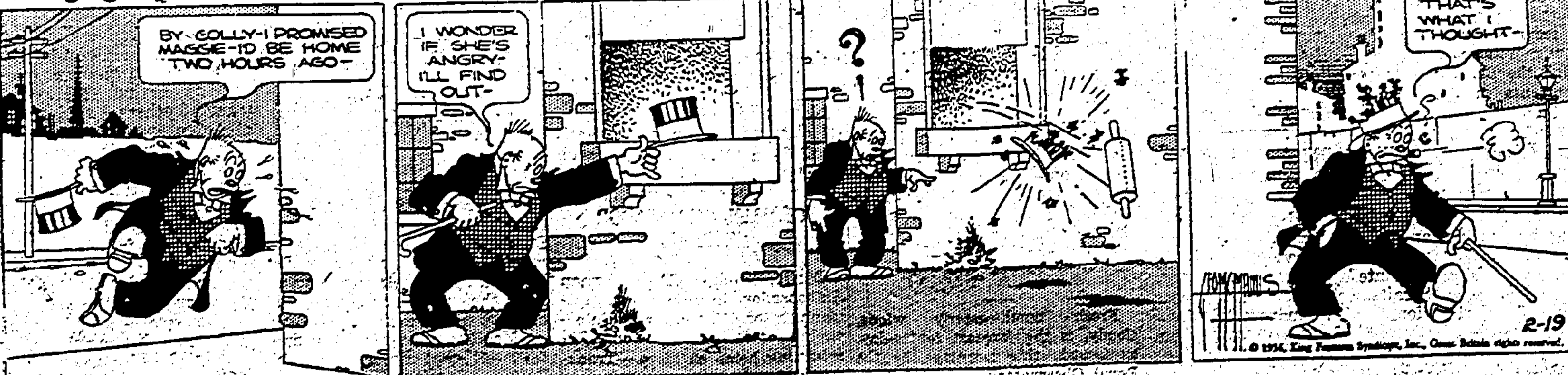
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Form of tender and further particulars can be obtained from the office of the Director of Public Works.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

A. G. W. TICKLE,
Director of Public Works.
Hong Kong, 13th March, 1936.

GENERAL NOTICES

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that INTEREST for the six months ending 31ST MARCH, 1936, on the above DEBENTURES will be payable at the OFFICES of the COMPANY ON THAT DATE.

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O. EAGER,
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Hong Kong, 13th March, 1936.

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THE SIXTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on FRIDAY, the 27th March, 1936, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1935.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 27th March 1936, both days inclusive.

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General Managers.
The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hong Kong, 6th March, 1936.

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And Notice is Further Hereby Given that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED, from the 23rd to the 30th Day of March, 1936, both days inclusive.

LIANG CHI HAO,
Managing Director.
Hong Kong, 19th March, 1936.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 30th March, 1936, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1935.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 21st to 30th March, 1936, both days inclusive.

By Order of The Board of Directors,

E. COCK,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 12th March, 1936.

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, on WEDNESDAY, 8th April 1936 at noon for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1935.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 28th March to 8th April 1936, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 18th March, 1936.

BRIDGE NOTES

Beautiful When Faultless

By Ely Culbertson

A genuine squeeze is a beautiful sight to behold, particularly when a player recognises it and executes it faultlessly. Far more often, however, it is value to make use of the squeeze play's twin brother, known usually as "Forcing Discard." When declarer has a long trump suit, he will often find by leading out the entire suit, he may seriously embarrass his opponents and in their discard may gain information which will aid him to play the hand correctly. They may throw away cards which would have been of value to them in winning tricks at an earlier stage. Many a hopeless hand has been made because after a seven or eight-card suit had been run down, an impossible trick appeared out of nowhere.

West, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

S. J 10 2			
H. 9 6 5			
D. 6			
C. K 8 7 5 4 3			
S. A K Q 9 8 6 4 N	S. 5		
H. 3	W. E. H. A 10 8 4 2		
D. 10 8 4	S. D. A J 7 6 3		
C. J 2	C. Q 9		
S. 7 3			
H. K Q J 7			
D. K Q 9 2			
C. A 10 6			

The bidding: (Figures after bids refer to numbered explanatory paragraphs.)

West North East South
3S (1) Pass 4S (2) Pass (3)
Pass Pass

1.—An ideal three-spade bid since the hand can almost surely win seven tricks, yet has meagre possibilities in defence.

2.—After a pre-emptive bid a raise may be given without trump support. Had his side tricks not been Aces, East would have been unable to make this bid, but with two Aces in his hand and at least seven winners in West's hand, he knew that game was possible.

3.—The pre-emptive bidding had effectively shut out South's strong hand.

North opened the six of diamonds and it seemed West could not win more than the nine top tricks. Two clubs and two diamonds seemed as good as lost. West was not averse to a little hard work, however, and set out to play the hand to the best of his ability. On the opening diamond lead, he played low and South won with the Queen. West false-carded by dropping the eight of diamonds, his object being to convince South that North held a doubleton in that suit. The false-card worked: South was afraid to return the suit with the Ace staring him in the face and shifted to the King of hearts. This was won by dummy's Ace. The maximum still seemed to be nine tricks.

West however made the most of his chances by running seven rounds of spades. The last of these reduced the dummy to the ten of hearts, two diamonds and the Queen of clubs. South had to choose his final discard from his remaining five cards, which were the Queen of hearts, King and nine of diamonds, and the Ace-ten of clubs. If he threw away the diamond, his King would drop under the Ace and the Jack and diamonds would be the tenth trick. A heart discard would be equally suicidal, and a small club, while it would preserve the Ace, would block the suit so that if declarer threw him in with a club and allowed him to cash his Queen of hearts, he would have the major diamond tenace in dummy with which to win the last two tricks.

South's only remaining chance was to throw away his Ace of clubs and hope that North might have full control of that suit. This play failed, however, since West was able to lead a club and North had to take the King. Now, if North led a heart, South would have to get in and be in the same end position; if North led a club, declarer would win the tenth trick with his Jack, and North could not lead a diamond, having none. West proved that though actually a squeeze did not exist, by forcing discards he gained the same end.



Sylvia Sydney rises to new heights in "Mary Burns, Fugitive," which is now showing at the Queen's Theatre.

Amusements

Cinema Notes

"BREAK OF HEARTS" — KING'S THEATRE

Really soul-stirring love scenes have been enacted for the camera between Katharine Hepburn and Charles Boyer in this picture.

While Boyer, idol of the French stage and screen, has been hailed as one of the great lovers of films, Hepburn has never before been cast in a role that offered her so great an opportunity to display her talent for romantic love.

"She combines the fire of an Olga Nethersole with the repression of a Duse," said Philip Moeller, director. "I am amazed at her emotional range, from the most intense, lyric abandon to the most subtle nuances." He declares that for beauty and power he does not believe that Hepburn's love scenes with Boyer ever have been duplicated on the screen.

"Break of Hearts" tells the story of a young composer who marries a famous maestro, but leaves him when she believes that her love is no longer necessary to him. His plunge to the depths of despair and his regeneration through her love make an enthralling picture. It is a Pandro S. Berman production for RKO Radio.

"MARY BURNS, FUGITIVE" — QUEEN'S THEATRE

A newcomer's first impressions of Hollywood are contradictory ones, according to Alan Baxter, new screen find, who makes his film debut in this Paramount film starring Sylvia Sydney.

"The most interesting thing to me was finding how pictures are made, as I had never been to Hollywood before. The technique is very different from that of the stage but it is more absorbing, although I am just as much interested in writing as in acting," Baxter explained.

In this picture Baxter is cast as a youthful, handsome well-educated ex-football hero who turns public enemy. His love for Sylvia Sydney involves her innocently in the clutches of the law, enduring a series of exciting episodes as a girl fugitive from justice. She meets a brilliant, but blind scientist. They are mutually attracted to each other, but "Mary Burns" had become a headline. Haunted by her past, she roams the country until an exciting and swift moving chain of events brings her experiences to a smashing climax.

(Radio will be found on Page 11).

"THANKS A MILLION" — ALHAMBRA THEATRE

With Dick Powell and Ann Dvorak heading the featured cast, the new Darryl F. Zanuck production presents Fred Allen, Patsy Kelly and Paul Whiteman and his Band, with Ramona, Rubinoff and his violin, Raymond Walburn and the Yacht Club Boys in the supporting cast.

The story, adapted to the screen by the versatile "Numbally" Johnson, is that of a wildcat amusement troupe, dashing about the country under the not-so-benign guidance of Fred Allen.

About the romantic problems of Powell and Miss Dvorak, with Margaret Irving playing the other woman, the love interest revolves.

The hit tunes in "Thanks a Million" include "What a Beautiful Night" and "I've Got a Pocket Full of Sunshine," sung by Powell.

In the supporting cast are Roy Baker — playing stooge to Fred Del Ruth, Alan Dinehart, Benny Allen — and the King's Men. Darryl F. Zanuck personally produced the film.

"WEDDING NIGHT" — STAR THEATRE

This picture is a dramatic romance in which Anna Sten portrays a modern American girl rebelling against the dictates and restraints of tradition, and Gary Cooper appears as a successful sophisticated New York author with whom she falls in love.

Anna Sten's part is in sharp contrast to her previous performances, while this picture marks another triumph in the career of Cooper.

The original story was written by Edwin Knopf and the music by Alfred Newman.

"THE INFORMER" — ORIENTAL THEATRE

Superbly enacted by a brilliant

cast, this picture brings vividly to life the characters and scenes of Liam O'Flaherty's widely-read and much-discussed novel.

Against the colourful background of Dublin, the picture has the troubled years just after the World War as its period. With the desire to get money, Gypo

Nolan, a human derelict, "informs" on his hunted pal, Frankie McPhillip, for a price.

With £20 in his pocket and his treachery on his conscience, Gypo becomes alternately tortured by fear, crazed by remorse, and exalted to drunken delusions of grandeur produced by his ill-gotten "wealth."

All of the story transpires in one action-packed night, giving the drama a cohesion all too self-evident.

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Sporting Page

ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND CLASH TO-DAY FOR CALCUTTA CUP



ATHLETIC FAVOURED FOR TO-DAY

Meet S. China "B" At Caroline Hill

'VARSITY SHOULD BEAT THE RADIO

Some very exciting football should be witnessed at Caroline Hill this afternoon, when the Athletic, who are in the running for the runners-up position in the First Division, clash with South China "B", whom they should beat.

Preceding this match, the University will meet the Radio in the Second Division, when the former team should secure both points.

South China "B" are hoping to be able to field their best team, but this will make very little difference to their opponents, unless they can show an appreciable improvement in their play.

They were exceedingly lucky to beat St. Joseph's last Wednesday, when it was only due to the fact that the latter lost one of their players in the closing stages of the game which hampered them in their vigorous efforts to equalise.

Pau To Return?

Pau Ka-ping, South China's finest custodian, will probably make a return to the game after several weeks of illness; his reappearance between the sticks will be welcomed by all.

Leung In-chun, probably South China "B's" finest right-back, is also likely to make his first appearance after an absence of several weeks. He should considerably improve and strengthen their defence.

Tsui As Pivot

The Athletic will be holding Tsui Ah-fai, their brilliant pivot, for the first time in many months, and he should prove a valuable acquisition as there is a possibility that Ho Kar-keung will be leading the South China "B" attack.

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LADIES' GOLF MEETING

Distribution Of Prizes

The annual spring meeting of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, Ladies' Section, was brought to a conclusion on Thursday when Mrs. A. K. Mackenzie, the Captain, distributed the prizes. Before doing so, however, she thanked all those who had helped to make the meeting a successful one and congratulated the various prize-winners.

Results of competitions were as follows: Championship—Winner, Mrs. D. L. Newbigging; runner-up, Mrs. P. S. Cassidy.

Captain's Cup—Winner, Mrs. W. S. Hillier; runner-up, Mrs. Webb.

Railway Cup—Winner, Mrs. A. K. Mackenzie; runner-up, Mrs. Newbigging.

Ross Cup—Winner, Mrs. N. McGowan; runner-up, Mrs. Hillier.

Taggart Cup—Winner, Mrs. Hillier; runner-up, Mrs. A. K. Mackenzie.

Bogey (New Course)—Mrs. Sheldon. (Two down).

Long-Driving—Mrs. N. Wilson. (199 yards).

Approaching—Mrs. Blake and Madame Jusseland (10 strokes).

Putting Pool—Madame Jusseland (16).

L. G. U. Medals, Scratch Score, Old Course—Mrs. N. Wilson (97).

L. G. U. Medals, Handicap Score, Old Course—Mrs. Hillier (99—17—82).

L. G. U. Medals, Scratch Score, New Course—Miss Stevenson (97).

L. G. U. Medals, Handicap Score, New Course—Mrs. C. B. Brown (100—31—69).

Tombstone (Prize presented by Mrs. C. H. Burton)—Mrs. Webb (on the 19th fairway).

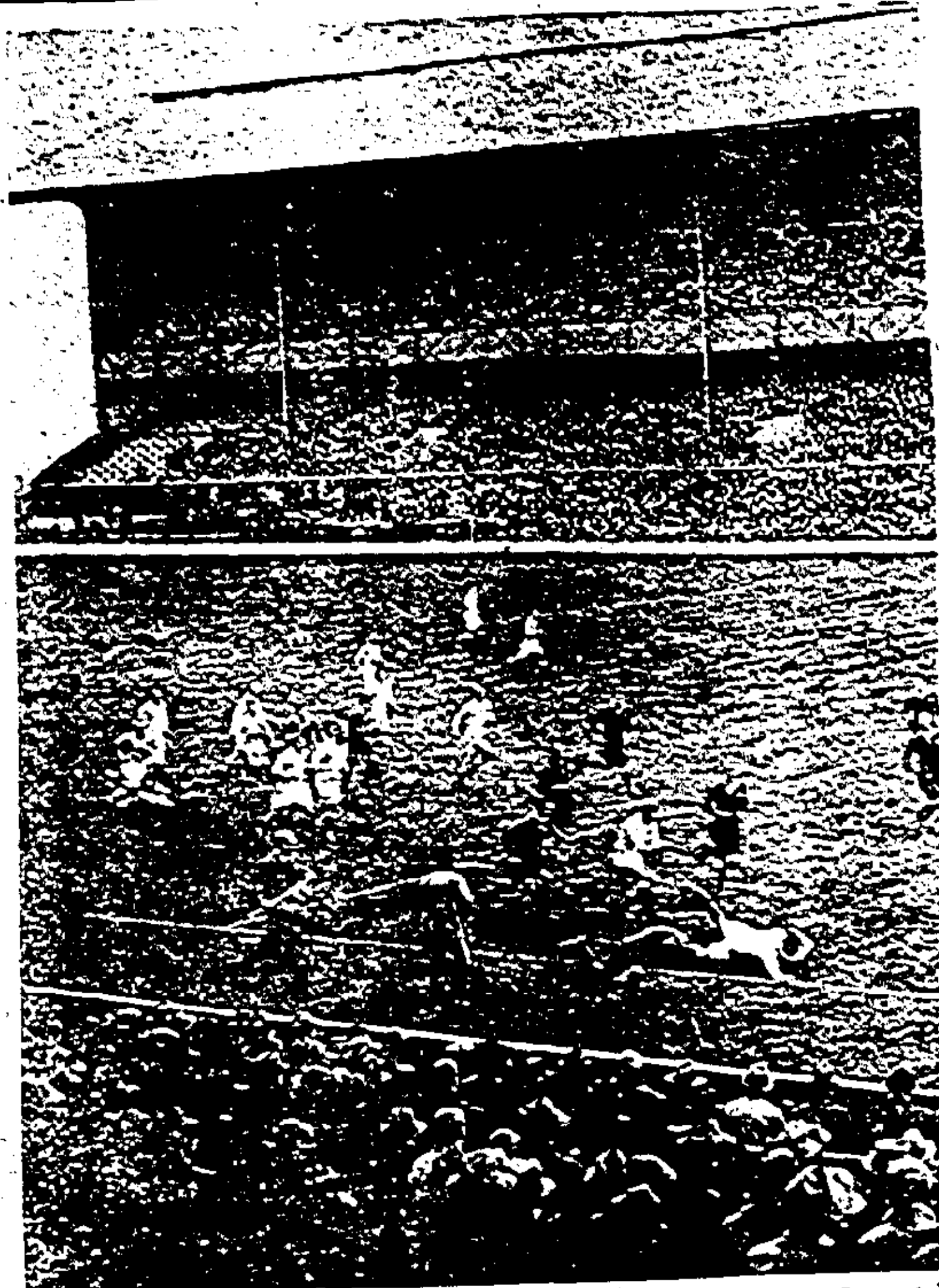
Tombstone—Runner-Up (Prize presented by Mr. Hitchens)—Mrs. Simpson (Five feet from 18th hole).

Tombstone—Hidden Prize—Mrs. C. W. E. Bishop.

Shanghai Foursomes—Miss C. Crampnell and Miss P. M. Stevenson (88—18—78).

L. G. U. Silver Medal for 1935—Mrs. Gilmore.

L. G. U. Bronze Medal for 1935—Miss Drayson.



An exciting scene during one of the Rugby International matches played on the world-famous Twickenham ground, the scene of to-day's 47th encounter between England and Scotland in the Calcutta Cup.

TO-DAY'S LEAGUE CRICKET

R.A.M.C. Should Win From 'Varsity

FRIENDLY AT C.S.C.C.

Due to the fact that the majority of the League cricket matches in both divisions have been decided, and also that the Combined Manoeuvres will be held over the week-end, thus claiming the services of many of those who would otherwise be playing cricket, the programme for to-day is a very curtailed indeed, being confined to two matches—one League fixture between the R.A.M.C. and the University, and a friendly between the Civil Service and the Recreation.



The Medicals should have no difficulty in beating the University, and I feel the L/Cpl. Apps would be their most successful bowler. He played for the Army against the University in the premier division last week when he opened the attack taking one wicket for 6 runs.

On the Civil Service ground the home team should beat the Recreation, though a draw would not come as a surprise. I have just learned that there will be an intra-club match at the L.R.C. This, I take it, is in the nature of a practice game for their second eleven, who must win their remaining fixture against the R.A.S.C. if they are to be the champions for the season.

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JOCK McAVOY MATCHED WITH PETERSEN

British And Empire Heavyweight Title To Be At Stake

London, March 9.—Jock McAvoy, British middle-weight champion who will meet John Henry Lewis, American holder of the world's light-heavy-weight title, on April 7, to-day signed articles to meet Jack Petersen, British and Empire heavy-weight champion, at the Empress Stadium on April 23. Both Petersen's titles will be at stake. Jack McAvoy was outpointed by Lewis last Friday night in their re-arranged bout for the world's cruiserweight championship.

WANTSAL SCHOOL SPORTS

Li Man-cheong Wins Victor Ludorum

The Wantsal English School held their annual athletic sports on the Queen's College Recreation ground, Causeway Bay, yesterday. Li Man-cheong winning the senior championship and Mok Kwong-sing the junior title. Pang Tin-po was the champion midget.

At the conclusion of the sports Mr. G. W. Reeve, Headmaster of Ellis Kadourie School, distributed the prizes.

The results, in detail, were as follows: Potto Race (Midgets): 1, Leung Yau-juen; 2, Yuen Kin-wan. Long Jump (Senior): 1, Cheng Kwan-min; 2, Kwan Fong-ming. Long Jump (Junior): 1, Han Ching-kai; 2, Mok Kwong-sing. (Continued on Page 9)

RUGBY CLASSIC AT TWICKENHAM

FIVE CHANGES MADE IN ENGLISH PACK

SCOTLAND LEAD IN SERIES

THE outstanding event in to-day's Home sports programme is the Calcutta Cup Rugby encounter between England and Scotland on the famous Twickenham ground, the scene of many an epic struggle. Some idea of the keen competition between England and Scotland may be gained from the fact that of the 57 matches played to date, Scotland have won 24, England 23 and 10 have been drawn.

It was on March 27, 1871, that the first International Rugby match between England and Scotland was played at Edinburgh, when Scotland won by a goal and a try (8 points) to a try (3 points), but it was not until 1880, that George Alexander James Rothney, one of the founder members of the Calcutta Rugby Football Club, presented the handsome trophy of Indian workmanship to the International Board for competition between England and Scotland.

England are fielding one of their strongest sides for several seasons this afternoon. As their weakness in previous matches has been in the pack, there have been five alterations in this department following the debacle at Dublin. Toft, of Lancashire, however, is the only new "cap."

JACK DEMPSEY ENDS A LONG BOXING FEUD

Greets Former Manager After 13 Years

DRAMATIC SCENE AT CHICAGO STADIUM

Chicago, February 15. To the accompaniment of boos, whistling and handclapping, Jack Dempsey scored, by remote control, a smashing triumph over his one-time manager, Jack Kearns, in the Chicago Stadium ring.

The jeers and hisses of 9,347 spectators were not meant for Kearns or Dempsey, but for their heavyweight fighters, Hank Bath, managed by Kearns, and Clarence "Red" Burman, Baltimore, protégé of Dempsey.



They fought 10 sluggish rounds, with the unanimous decision of the referee and two judges going to Burman.

Feud Ended The battle ended a feud between Kearns and Dempsey that existed for 13 years, during which time neither spoke to the other.

Before the bout started, Dempsey jumped into the ring and with quick steps went over to Kearns' corner and warmly shook hands, greeting him with: "How's tricks, Doc?"

Kearns smiled and mumbled, "O.K., Jack." Then they posed for pictures with their hands clasped.

HANDICAPS FOR RACE MEETING

Strathroy Top Weight In Mile Event

NEXT SATURDAY'S EVENTS

The handicaps and entries for the Second Extra Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club for next Saturday are as follows:—

Mrs. Bay Handicap, "A" Class, From the 2 Mile Post, Once round Cyclamen Bay, 140; Diana Bay, 158; Gladiator, 166; Herod, 154; King's Warden, 168; Macaroni, 164; Soldier of Britain, 168.

Sub-Griffins Spring Handicap, One and a Quarter Miles—Balios, 140; Bistre, 165; Burgomaster, 140; Copper Idol, 150; Double Chance, 154; Emergency Call, 148; Gold Sovereign, 148; Judea, 140; Lucky Strike, 150; Mountain View, 155; Racing Boy, 150; Rose Evelyn, 163; Seventeenth of September, 149; Tiny Star, 168; Valley View, 159; Wadesbridge, 158; Warrington, 160; Young Chap, 164.

Commonwealth Handicap, "C" Class, One Mile—Bear Claw, 164; Boolat Bay, 168; Donovan, 152; Flyby-night, 156; Great Hall, 160; High Honour, 161; High Speed, 168; King's Sceptre, 156; Mayflower, 158; Mersey, 158; Pride of Taingtau, 155; Ribble, 158; Royal Highness, 156; Soldier of Germany, 161; Soldier of Peace, 165; Soldier of Victory, 168; Virens, 145; What a Chance, 140; Zero, 140.

Calliope Handicap, "A" Class, One Mile—Bag Tor, 162; Electron, 144; Holiday Eve, 155; Racing Heart, 140; Rose Ann, 142; Shooting Star, 158; Snowy River, 140; Strathroy, 165; The Dunlin, 145; Tinsmith, 145; Viren Tor, 158.

Taiwan Bay Handicap, "D" Class, Six Furlongs—Balios, 140; Belmont Star, 150; Boring Eve, 162; Burgomaster, 153; Copper Idol, 155; Double Chance, 159; Emergency Call, 152; Foxbridge, 168; Glad Eyes, 168; Gold Currency, 158; Hopscoth, 140; Lemberg, 168; Lockley Hall, 140; Lucky Strike, 158; Mile, 156; Miracle, 168; Night View, 168; Philanderer, 158; Plain View, 165; Popular Star, 145; Roussette, 166; Seventeenth of September, 154; Splendid View, 161; Ythan, 168.

Bongham Bay Handicap, "B" Class, From the 2 Mile Post, Once round and in—Bright View, 161; Harvest View, 158; Hetman, 148; Honeycomb Eve, 164; Jangle Jim, 158; King's Bounty, 150; King's Jubilee, 158; King's Justice, 168; King's Lead, 161; Mistake Bay, 161; Pontiac Bay, 161; Rose-Queen, 158; Sadio, 158; Soldier of China, 161.

Colonial Stakes, One mile—Amberley, 168; Laughing Girl, 158; Miracle, 148; Old Star, 151; Silver-smith, 150; Tyne, 156.

Rosehill Plate, Six furlongs—Blandford, 146; Brutus, 149; Gold Dragon, 146; Honey, 149; Ranger, 148; Violet Queen, 152; Zodiac, 155.

Union Plate, Six furlongs—Cassius, 144; Fidelity, 156; Gold Sovereign, 151; Hawthorn, 148; Heriot, 156; Humber, 148; Ocean View, 152; Paymaster, 151; Rugby Star, 145; Shamrock, 150; Stopwatch, 142; Strathlain, 145; The Coot, 142; The Gorilla, 153.

Scotland are at present holding the wooden spoon, but if they should surprise England they will avoid the last position.

England: H. G. Owen Smith; Prince Obolensky, B. A. Gerrard, P. Crammer and E. S. Sette; P. Candler and E. C. Gades, (capt.); Dicks; Toft, Longland, Dunkley, Webb, Weston, Brook and Bolton.

Scotland: Kerr; Shaw, Lind, Dick and Fyfe; C. F. Grieve and Logan; R. M. Grieve, Cottingham, Druitt, Beattie, Burnett, Cooper, Wares and Weston. Wales won the Rugby International series last Saturday when they defeated Ireland by a penalty goal taken by Jenkins late in the first half.

The following have been the results during the past 10 seasons:—

Year	England	Scotland	Drawn
1927	Scotland 21—13		
1928	England 6—0		
1929	Scotland 12—6		
1930	Drawn 0—0		
1931	Scotland 23—19		
1932	England 16—3		
1933	Scotland 3—0		
1934	England 6—3		
1935	Scotland 10—7		

Wales	W	L	D	F.A.	Pts.
Wales	3	2	0	16	3
Ireland	3	2	1	0	16
England	2	0	1	3	6
Scotland	2	0	2	0	7

Total 10 4 4 2 42 42 10

EARLIER RESULTS

Wales drew with England at Swansea 0—0; Scotland lost to Wales at Edinburgh by 3—13; Ireland beat England at Dublin by 6—3 and Scotland lost to Ireland at Edinburgh by 4—10; Wales beat Ireland at Cardiff.

CALCUTTA CUP HISTORY

G. A. J. Rothney Founds Famous Series

POLO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TROPHY

(By C. J. BRUCE MARRIATT)

As the Calcutta Cup dates back over fifty years to 1878 to be exact, some details of its origin may not be uninteresting to the pre- or post-war generation. The more so as much inferior opponents. They one sometimes hears "Wales may win the Cup" or "Ireland may set loose it." According, however, to the conditions of the donors, only England or Scotland can hold it.

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POOR TENNIS AT H.K.C.C.

Gray And Crawford Given Fright

M. W. Lo, the 1929 champion, conceded a walk-over to Lai Kwong-tsun in the Second Round of the Colony Lawn Tennis Singles Championship at the H.K.C.C. yesterday. Lai will now meet either J. W. Leonard or Wong Fuk-nam.

There were only two Open matches yesterday and both failed to produce good tennis.

Y. C. Lau was altogether too casual against a very determined Chos and as a result secured only two games. In the doubles match (act) some details of its origin may not be uninteresting to the pre- or post-war generation. The more so as much inferior opponents. They one sometimes hears "Wales may win the Cup" or "Ireland may set loose it." According, however, to the conditions of the donors, only England or Scotland can hold it.

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The following season found Lee back in the Colony again, and he has since then appeared fairly regularly for South China. He is the captain of the "A" team this year.

He has taken part in three Far Eastern Olympic Games, while he was also captain of the Southern China team at the National Meet held in Shanghai late in 1935.

He has appeared in several Interports both for the Colony and Shanghai and this year was a member of the victorious Hong Kong side. He has the unique distinction of being the first Chinese to captain a Colony Inter-port side.

K.C.C. LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Junior Championship Starts To-day

WEEK-END PROGRAMME

The Kowloon Cricket Club's annual lawn tennis tournament commences this afternoon at 2.30 p.m. with eight matches in the First Round of the Men's Singles Junior Championship, while to-morrow will see the commencement of the Senior Championship, when E. C. Fincher, the holder, meets F. Grose.

The following is to-morrow's programme:—

MEN'S SINGLES JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

(Saturday, 2.30 p.m.)

A. E. Perry v W. Patterson. C. A. Blum v E. S. Capoll.

F. Goodwin v A. G. Philipps. A. Krilovsky v A. Kaluzhany.

N. A. E. Mackay v R. E. Lee. J. Thompson v L. E. Kirby.

J. S. Smith v F. A. Broadbridge. N. J. Bobington v W. G. Gittins.

LADIES' SINGLES HANDICAP First Round (Saturday 4.15 p.m.)

Mrs. S. Stainfield (-3.6) v Mrs. Blandford (-3.6).

Mrs. J. Old (+1.5) v Mrs. E. Kella (-15.3).

Mrs. Stokes (-16.3) v Mrs. McCaw (-3.0).

Mrs. A. J. Kew (-15.3) v Mrs. Old (-3.6).

MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP (Sunday 10 a.m.)

F. Grose v E. C. Fincher (Holder). A. Crawford v W. C. Hung.

LADIES' DOUBLES HANDICAP (Sunday 10 a.m.)

Miss Stokes and Mrs. McCaw (-3.0) v Mrs. Kirby and Mrs. Rathmell (-15).

Mrs. Goodwin and Mrs. Fincher (-3.6) v Mrs. Old and Mrs. Stainfield (-3.6).

Mrs. Blandford and Mrs. Bosford (-15.3) v Mrs. Kella and Mrs. Orr (-3.6).

MEN'S "A" CLASS HANDICAP SINGLES (Sunday 10 a.m.)

J. Thompson (scr.) v N. J. Bobington (+3.6).

MIXED DOUBLES HANDICAP (Sunday 2 p.m.)

F. Goodwin and Mrs. E. C. Fincher (+3.6) v A. W. Ramsey and Mrs. Kew (-15.3).

C. E. Watson and Mrs. Lammert (-3.6) v Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Kirby (-3.6).

A. E. P. Guest and Miss M. Griffiths (-3.0) v V. H. Freeman and Mrs. Hosford (-3.6).

W. Hirst and Mrs. Rathmell (scr.) v A. E. Perry and Mrs. Stokes (-3.6).

M. Pugh and Miss V. Allen (-3.6) v E. C. Fincher and Mrs. Goodwin (-3.0).

J. S. Smith and Mrs. Old (-3.6) v A. G. Philipps and Mrs. Orr (-3.6).

S. A. Gray and Miss A. MacKenzie (-15.3) v C. J. Tsochi and Mrs. Blandford (+3.6).

NEW INNOVATION AT STOKE PAGES

Stoke Pages club have decided to pay their annual competition for the Golf Balls of Stoke this year as a one-day competition, by stroke play over 36 holes, on Saturday, July 11.



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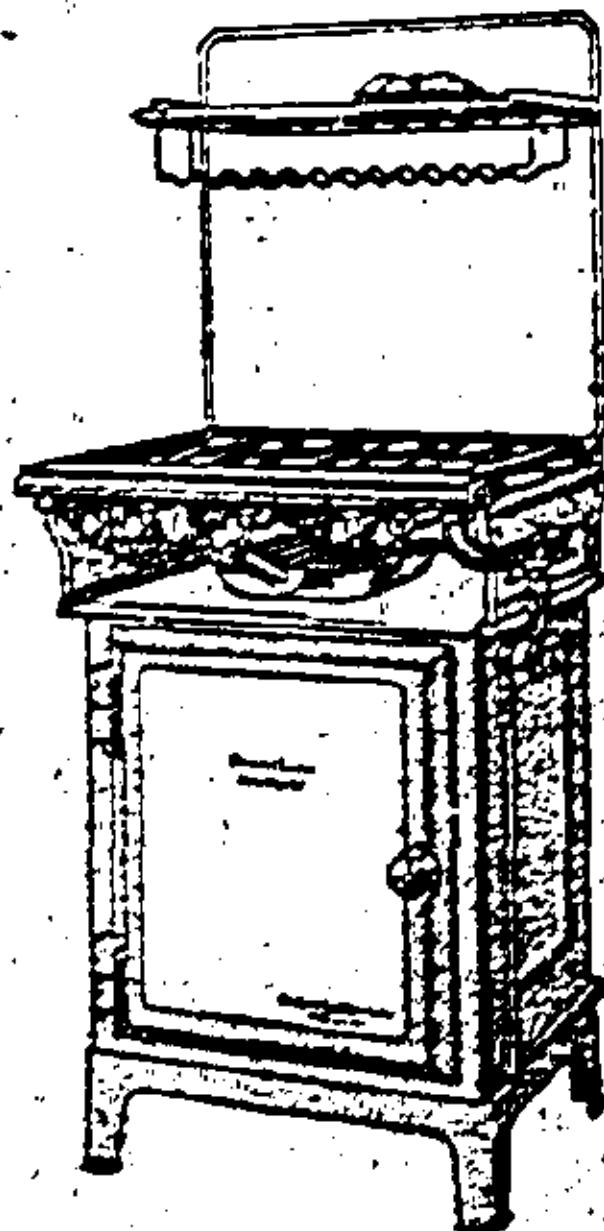
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The Civil Services

In introducing his drastic motion to the Legislative Council on Thursday, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo may, in the Hon. the Colonial Secretary's pithy phrases, have been propounding "fundamental fallacies" and "complete non sequiturs." But he was also giving verbal and courageous expression to a very widely-held belief among the non-official sections of the public: that the Hong Kong Civil Service, in the matter of its personnel, their emoluments, their conditions of service and their number, accounts for too great a percentage of the revenues of this Colony. No one has ever seriously questioned the loyalty, integrity and efficiency of the civil service as a whole. Indeed, to do so would be manifestly to run counter to the obvious facts, which are that the Hong Kong Civil Service is composed of an honourable and painstaking body of men; that the social services of this Colony attain a high standard and can bear comparison with those of any other; that the service has attracted in the past, and will continue to do so in the future, men of real attainments, integrity and worth. But in admitting all this the man in the street will still hold the opinions so ably expressed by Mr. Lo. A civil service is a necessary part of any community in a law-abiding land; but the ratio of civil servants here to the rest of the community—and especially the ratio between the cost of that service and the total revenues of the Colony—will continue to strike the ordinary man as top-heavy. He will continue to hold the idea that there are a number of "cushy" jobs going, of which the holders do not pull their proportionate weight. He will see, especially in the clerical services, a super-abundance of clerks, secretaries and what-not doing the same amount of work, and drawing far more money for it, as any commercial office could do with half the staff. He will see staffs housed, and with all sorts of "perks" in the way of allowances, leave conditions and above all, pensions, than obtain in the commercial houses. He will see a body of men engaged for life in not too arduous duties, adhering limpet-like to a career from which nothing but the grossest incompetence or downright dishonesty, such as would render them liable to prosecution in a court of law with the certainty of guilt being established, can remove them. All these things, individually and collectively, help to colour the reactions of the man in the street to the civil service. They may be accepted without comment in times of plenty; but in times of stress, when belts have to be tightened all round, he begins to examine them with sharper criticism and to ask whether the game is worth the candle.

It is for the Government to show that these criticisms are groundless—or at least exaggerated. With the utmost respect, we are of the opinion that the Hon. the Colonial Secretary's speech in reply to the motion failed to do so. To that motion point in it the general public here will take violent exception—the statement that "the Government again is unable to agree that the Colony cannot, at the appropriate time, stand the strain of extra taxation." The public feels rather strongly on this

EXPLANATION OF TO-DAY'S CARTOON

The Iceberg Paradox

THE waters nearest the iceberg are warmest. The reason for that is that the iceberg, by reason of its temperature, draws towards itself constantly the warmer surface waters of the surrounding sea. As a result, the iceberg is constantly surrounded by a belt of warm water, which it cools, repels and replaces by another warmer stratum.

CHEERO CLUB FIXTURES

Cheero Club arrangements for next week are as follows:—On Tuesday next, the weekly whist drive will be held at 8.30 p.m.; admission 50 cents each, which includes refreshments. On Wednesday next there will be the tea dance from 5 to 7.30 p.m.; admission 40 cents, which includes tea.

On Thursday a bridge and mah-jongg drive will be held, beginning at 8 p.m.; admission 50 cents, which includes light refreshments. point, so far as we can gather; and with good reason. The Colonial Secretary made mention of the assessed tax at 17 per cent, in comparison with Singapore's 24 per cent. He also stated that here there is no income tax, the duty on whisky and gin is one-sixth of the duty in the United Kingdom, and on cigarettes proportionately even less. This may be so; but the relevant point surely is to compare the per capita wealth of the two communities before these comparisons can be moot to the matter in argument. We are unable to find any figures relating to this matter; but we should be very much surprised indeed to find that they compare in anything like similarity. The huge middle class, which here, as elsewhere, provides the general mass of revenues, is not concerned with income tax and has but the briefest interest in duties on whisky and gin, directly. The argument surely is that in the indirect form of rents, the cost of commodities, public services, entertainments, etc., the middle-class public is the indirect milchcow which provides the bulk of the revenue, and that these and other taxes form an enormous drain on the resources of that part of the community least able to afford it. Additional taxation, therefore, is surely out of the question at the present time.

In his point about Mr. Lo apparently contemplating a "static colony," surely the Hon. the Colonial Secretary is erecting a smokescreen across a very simple question. Mr. Lo did not imply that the growth of the Colony is likely to cease or has already done so. His point was merely that, taking the present state of the Colony's finances into account, it cannot afford the civil service it supports at present—a very different contention, with which public opinion, as represented by the Unofficial Members of the Council, is unanimously in agreement. His Excellency the Governor's remarks seem to us to have hit the situation off entirely. He implicitly and clearly recognised the value of Mr. Lo's two main points: firstly, that staffs must be kept at the minimum compatible with efficiency; and secondly, that the percentage of local recruits must be kept at the maximum so compatible. If these points are essentially kept in mind in all matters pertaining to the recruiting to the civil services Mr. Lo's main objectives in bringing the motion will have been attained. In any case, nothing can detract from the enormous value of the whole debate in airing very real grievances and justifying the trust imposed by the public in the Unofficials generally. Mr. Lo has made himself a forcible mouthpiece of public opinion; he has clearly demonstrated to the authorities that that expenditure should be curbed; and in publicly and painstakingly advising the Government to cut its coat severely according to its cloth, he has enunciated an axiom which the Government would do well to ponder deeply and keep always in mind.

Here There and Everywhere

AMBASSADRESS-COMPOSER

Lady Clerk, whose new ballet was broadcast from Paris last month, is the wife of the British Ambassador in Paris and must be accounted the most versatile woman in diplomacy. She is an accomplished painter whose work has been praised in Berlin. As a philosopher she is an authority on Plotinus. Her other gifts include the power of healing by the laying on of hands and a remarkable ability for taming birds. She can imitate almost any bird-call. Her musical accomplishments are less substantial. She is not a composer in the strict sense of the word. The orchestration of her compositions is done by a professional.

BANTAMS INTO GUARDS

The death of Mr. Alfred Bigland recalls a curious incident of the War. Only a few weeks after war began thousands of young men wanted to fight had been rejected because they were not tall enough. Alfred Bigland, then M.P. for Birkenhead, was greatly concerned.

Though over 6ft himself, he obtained permission to form a battalion of what he called the "Bantams."

The enlistments were so great that not one but several battalions had to be formed. Some of the very best of the men were miners.

When he was met a little later, however, Mr. Bigland professed to be dismayed. "Quite a number of my Bantams," he said, "are growing out of their uniforms. Army food and exercise have sent up their height, and I am seriously thinking of having some of them transferred to the Guards."

Your Daily Smile!

Sandy: "When is Annie McTavish going to let you marry her?"

Andy: "It's very uncertain. Some person gave her a big box of note-paper with her name printed on it. She won't get married till it's used up—so she writes very few letters on account of the postage."

Bobby, who had just started school, was proudly telling his aunt about his school work. She asked him a few questions which he could not answer correctly.

The country vicar was giving the shop girl a lift home in his car, and when he came to her house he set her down. The girl proceeded to

"JAPAN MUST FIGHT BRITAIN"

JAPANESE OFFICER ON FUTURE POLICY

COMING STRUGGLE FOR COLONIES

THE time has come when we Japanese must drastically revise our opinions of England and the English. At the present day an Anglo-Japanese war is not the dream of a fool, nor even an unreasonable hypothesis. It is inevitable unless either Japan stops the policy of expansion, that she has been driven to adopt under the most severe pressure, or unless England, with her excessive number of colonies, abandons her policy of the preservation of the status quo in which she holds firmly what she has already and will relinquish nothing.

"The British Empire is on the down grade. England had better swallow her pride and make way."

These remarkable passages are contained in "Japan Must Fight Britain," by Lieut.-Commander Tota Ishimaru, translated by Instructor-Captain G. V. Rayment, C.B.E., R.N. (retired).

The passages quoted are taken from the author's introduction, while on the last two pages of his book he says:—

"Japan, England, and America are the three great Pacific Powers; harmony and co-operation between them will bring peace. If the Pacific should prove to be the scene of another world war, it will be because the influence and possessions of the three are not evenly balanced and because two of them, England and America, persist in endeavouring to have everything their own way at the expense of the third."

"A condition precedent to the preservation of peace is that England and America should give way and enable a balance to be maintained."

Germany's Cry Recalled
The following extracts give the main thesis of the book:—

"Oh, don't mention it," said the vicar. The girl blushed and then replied, "All right, mum's the word."

Suing for divorce, a woman says she saw her husband, twice in three years since they were married. She should have hidden his golf clubs.

"The rise of Germany as a world Power began about 1870, and from then on she was frequently at variance with England over questions of the distribution of colonial territory and on account of economic competition. In much the same way, Japan's great increase of national strength since her victory over Russia has brought her into conflict with England. . . . The energy of Bismarck succeeded in securing colonies in Togoland, the Cameroons, and in East and South-West Africa. But it was soon found that the climatic and general conditions of these districts made them unfit for white men to live in."

"It was this that gave rise to the German cry for 'a place in the sun,' the 'place' being a fertile land with a temperate climate under the German flag and part of the German Empire. In every attempt, however, to acquire a suitable colony, Germany found herself face to face with the nation that had already established colonies all over the world. It was in fact inevitable that she should come into collision with England."

Story Repeated
"The German output of coal, iron, ships, machinery, chemicals, textiles, in all of which England had had almost a monopoly, increased remarkably. Cheap goods, stamped 'made in Germany' inundated the markets all over the world, in much the same way as Japanese goods do today."

"What has the above brief sketch suggested to those who have read it? Will any of them deny that the story of Germany and England is being repeated to-day by England and Japan?" The book is illustrated by commercial and naval statistics, including photographs of Japanese and British battleships and cruisers. Several chapters are devoted to diplomacy and to strategy and tactics, including such points as the selection of a moment for the commencement of hostilities when the main British Fleet is still in Europe, the creation of rebellion in Egypt, the blocking of the

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"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley



THE WATER
NEAREST AN ICEBERG
IS THE WARMEST!



C.C. NAPIER,
of Hudson, Wis.
WAS WORN THE
SAME PAIR OF
ARCTIC OVERSHOES
FOR 26
CONSECUTIVE
WINTERS.

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WAS BORN ON
APRIL 23
AND DIED ON
APRIL 23

(52 years later)

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WEIGHING
1350 LBS.

WAS CAUGHT BY A WITZ
OF TEXAS.



TOMMY ROSE BREAKS CAPE FLIGHT RECORD

To-day's Short Story

Only The Best For Mother

By Fannie Kilbourne

I WAS in old Mrs. Stoner's suite when Tom stepped in with a drawing-room reservation for her on a crack train to California, and it just made me boil. I knew the way she had always treated Tom, and I said to myself: "There's no justice in this world, the meanest women always seem to draw the most devoted children."

"Well, how do you like Mother's little nest?" Tom grinned. Little nest—that suite must have been costing Tom at least twenty dollars a day! And there was a maid to boot.

When Tom was a skinny little shaver back in Centerville, with gaps in the front where his baby teeth had just come out, he used to come to our back door selling eggs. Then, as soon as he was big enough to carry the boxes, he would come delivering groceries for Hartshorn's, afterwards after school, and all day Saturdays when the other kids were roller-skating or playing Throw the Rye. His mother never thought he needed any time for fun.

MONDAY'S STORY

Monday's story will be "A Tale Of True Love," by I. Rakhtanov.

He was an odd-looking youngster because his clothes were always too small. I used to give him our Jerry's things and, as he was just Jerry's size, by the time Jerry had outgrown them, they looked kind of comical on Tom. But he had to wear them, or anything else Mrs. Stoner could get hold of without paying for.

Heaven knows, nobody blamed Mrs. Stoner; she was a widow and, everybody thought, as poor as a church mouse. People nearly died of the shock when the Centerville Trust Company failed and we found that Mrs. Stoner had lost a tidy little fortune. She'd been well fixed, better off than most of us, all along.

Just a miser she's been all these years. She's never needed to be so mean to Tom.

It was funny to see her now, sitting in a black velvet dress with a real diamond clip on it. The maid was hanging up a new mink coat that he had just bought her.

"A crazy waste of money," she said ungratefully. "I won't need it in California, and it will just be an expense all next summer in cold storage."

"Don't you worry about that, mother," Tom said. "I guess we can stand the gaff. There's no reason why you shouldn't have one fur coat—Sally's got four." Sally was Tom's wife.

"Sally enjoys being a fool. I don't," said Mrs. Stoner tartly. But Tom didn't show any sign of resentment, just grinned at me and told the maid to call room service and have tea sent up.

"Nobody wants any tea, it's too near dinner-time," said Mrs. Stoner. I did want tea and I was glad when Tom didn't pay any attention to her, just told the maid to tell 'em to see that the English muffins were hot and to send plenty of marmalade.

"They don't need to send any marmalade at twenty-five cents a portion," said his mother. "I keep a jar of it up here."

Tom winked at me. "I'll bet you've sneaked in some more cheap domestic stuff," he said. "You don't want to serve a guest anything but the best imported."

Talk about returning good for evil! Tom Stoner had never had a "guest" of his own in his life until he got away from Centerville. The other town youngsters used to have birthday parties and company for supper Sunday nights and such things, but Tom could never so much as give a school-mate an apple.

Not that the kids ever wanted to go to his house, Mrs. Stoner was so cross they were all afraid of her. They said she used to whale the life out of Tom for nothing at all.

Once he got an extra job she didn't know about and saved up

enough to buy a second-hand bicycle. She was furious when she found out about it and made him return it and get the money back. I happened to be at the Whites' when he brought it back and I've never forgotten the look on that kid's face. Every other boy in town had a "bike."

"You're certainly nice to your mother, Tom," I said.

"Oh, the best is none too good for Mother," Tom answered. "She's the one who taught me to work and I'm going to see to it that she gets her share of the rewards. Claudine," he called to the maid at the telephone, "have 'em send some French pastry, too. Oh, don't shake your head at me like that, Mother. You do, too, like it."

Honestly, it just made me sick to think of all the good mothers with grown children who aren't half-way decent to them. And then to see hard, mean-faced Mrs. Stoner pampered by her son, and having all the good things of the world lavished on her.

Why, there was a vase of yard-tail chrysanthemums on the mantel that must have cost Tom a lot more than that bicycle the poor kid never had.

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GIANT FLYING BOATS

Nearing Completion At Rochester

SPECIALLY EQUIPPED FOR ATLANTIC FLIGHTS

The first eight flying-boats under construction at Short Bros. yards Rochester, for Imperial Airways, are now nearing completion. It is expected that test flights will be made in April.

Of the first batch, two are being specially equipped for the first Atlantic experimental flights to be made this summer. They will be fitted with de-icing apparatus.

All the boats will be of about 40,000lb. all-up weight, with a cruising speed of 150 m.p.h. or even more. All will use high-powered, radial, air-cooled engines with variable-pitch propellers.

Those for the Empire routes to the Cape, India and Australia will carry fuel for a range of from 1,000 to 1,500 miles, according to the stages of the services.

Composite Seaplane
The two Atlantic experimental boats will be given a range of 2,000 to 3,500 miles in order to cross the 2,000 miles of open ocean between Ireland and Newfoundland against 40 m.p.h. continuous head winds.

They will, even with this fuel load, be able to carry a small load of air mail for the first experimental flights which are to be undertaken this year.

The lower component of the Mayo composite seaplane, also under construction at Short Bros. is also well advanced; it is almost identical with the Empire flying-boats. The upper component—a seaplane to be launched in mid-air from the back of the parent boat—is not in the same advanced



Flight-Lieutenant Tommy Rose, who recently broke the records for the flights from England to the Cape and back, also won the King's Air Race last year. Our photograph shows him being chaired when he performed this feat.

KING'S CUP AIR RACE

Some Contemplated Changes

LONGER COURSE: MORE SEVERE TESTS

This year's air race for the King's Cup—the fifteenth—will be markedly different from previous contests. Aircraft entered will be divided into the following three classes for the purposes of the elimination test, which begins on July 10.

Single-engine aircraft powered by engines not exceeding 150 h.p. at the maximum permissible revolutions per minute.

Single-engine aircraft with engines exceeding 150 h.p.

Multi-engine aircraft with no restriction regarding power.

Last year there were only two classes—machines with more and machines with less than 150 h.p.

The elimination test will be over a 1,240 miles course, covering much of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Last year this test course was 933 miles.

Fifty per cent. of the starters this year in each class in the test, but not exceeding 10 from each class, will compete in the final on Saturday, July 11, over a course of 350 miles. The start and the finish will be at Hatfield aerodrome.

Wide Range of Machines.
In the final the machines will compete on estimated performance handicaps.

The effect of the new conditions should be to bring to the field a wide range of British types. The tests will obviously be so severe as to bring out the qualities of engine, of speed resulting from clean design, and of air pilotage and navigation.

stage of construction, and it may be well into summer before first experimental flights can be made. Altogether Imperial Airways have ordered 41 vessels for replacement of all old types. The order, worth £2,500,000, has been placed between Short Bros. for 29 flying-boats and Armstrong Whitworth for 12 exceptionally big monoplane air liners.

Business Men And The Flying Boat Services

Cable companies are becoming interested in the plans for the development of the long distance flying boat.

Admiral Henry Grant, a director of Cables and Wireless Ltd., has joined the board of British Marine Aircraft, the company which is to construct the S42 boats at Hamble.

The many wireless stations on the ocean highways belonging to the cable companies may prove useful for radio directional duties for flying boats.

New possibilities concerning quicker business communications will arise with the expansion of

main trunk air routes. Boats may be able to fly from London to New York in 13 hours or less. India may ultimately be only 24 hours journey from England and Australia but three days away.

Air mail contracts will follow the establishment of ocean air routes, and this will enable flying-boat operators to offer attractive time-tables to business men.

Many business houses who send over-night cables will also be interested in a flying-boat service which would carry letters from England in the late afternoon and be in New York early next day. A week-end service also has its advantages.

ENCOUNTERS STORMS ON LAST LAP

13.14 HOURS FASTER THAN MRS. MOLLISON

ROUTE LONGER BY 1,000 MILES

FLY-LT. T. ROSE, the 41-year-old British airman, arrived at Cape Town at 6.30 p.m. on February 9. He thereby broke Mrs. Mollison's record for a solo flight from England to the Cape by 13¼ hours. The times of Fly-Lt. Rose and Mrs. Mollison were:

Fly-Lt. Rose: 3 days, 17 hours, 38 minutes.

Mrs. Mollison: 4 days, 6 hours, 53 minutes.

Fly-Lt. Rose's route was about 1,000 miles longer than Mrs. Mollison's, as he went via Egypt, whereas she took the West Coast of Africa route.

Flying Overrated

"I had a lot of bad luck, but a great deal of good luck," said Fly-Lt. Rose on his arrival at Cape Town. "I should have been here long ago if everything had gone smoothly, but you cannot expect everything to go smoothly on a flight like this."

"The weather held me up a lot, and I also got a petrol leakage. It was my own fault—I shoved some kit away in a hurry and damaged a pipe."

"I got the petrol leakage in the Southern Sudan, and it compelled me to make a forced landing south of Wadi Halfa. I repaired the damage, but lost several precious hours by returning to Wadi Halfa."

Good First Day

Fly-Lt. Rose, who looked amazingly fresh, went on: "I had a marvellous first day—14 hours' flying time to Cairo. That must be very nearly a record for any type of machine. I am pretty certain."

"I had only two hours' sleep on the whole trip, but I feel fit as a fiddle. I had some special pills to keep me awake in case I dozed off, but I didn't have to use them."

"All the credit of the flight must go to the machine and engine, both of which are British. It's a grand machine."

"I have had a great time, even if I did have shocking conditions after the first day."

"This flying business is a very much overrated pastime, but I do not feel a bit fatigued, so, if the opportunity arises again, I hope we may be able to get here in one and a half days."

"I am now going to have a bath."

Forced Down Near Goal

MISSED AERODROME

On the last lap but one of his flight Fly-Lt. Rose made a forced landing in a violent storm. He was several hours overdue at Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, after leaving Kisumu, Kenya, and some anxiety was felt for him.

Owing to the storm he flew over Salisbury without seeing it, and had to land at the Whitby Estate, 80 miles south of Salisbury. In doing so he slightly damaged the "spat" or fairing, round the right wheel of his plane's undercarriage.

He was able to fly to Salisbury the following morning. The damage was repaired, and he started on the last lap, passing over Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia, at 9.24 a.m. From there to Cape Town—1,200 miles—took him a little over 10 hours, an average of 114 m.p.h.

Huge Crowd

A huge crowd assembled at the aerodrome at Cape Town to greet him. Darkness was falling when the lights of the plane were seen over the mountains.

As the wheels of the machine touched the ground in a perfect landing, hooters were sounded from hundreds of cars, and 3,000 people cheered loudly. "Everything is rosy," shouted one enthusiast, as the airman was chaired to a platform, where the deputy mayor extended an official welcome to him.

NEW RULES FOR PILOTS

"Human Factor" In Flight

ECHO OF ARKANSAS CRASH

Memphis. As Federal investigators studied the "human element" in the crash of the trans-continental plane Southern in Arkansas, American airline pilots were ordered to keep the doors between their compartment and passenger cabins locked during flight.

Hugh Smith, the airlines' Southern division superintendent, issued the instructions. He declined to comment on reports that the action was taken because of the "growing belief that man, not machine," was responsible for the recent accident, in which 17 persons, all aboard the plane, died.

In the past, passengers were said to have been permitted occasionally to enter the pilots' quarters to observe operation of planes.

"Usual Rumour"
Major R. W. Schroeder, Federal inspector, dismissed as "the usual stock one" a rumour that a passenger may have had narcotics aboard the airliner.

He declared that records of passengers and crew members were being investigated by the Department of Justice, "as is usual in the investigation of every accident of this kind."

To develop all possible clues, he added, airline officials planned to drain the spot in the swamp near Goodwin, Ark., where the plane landed. He said a minute search also would be made for the pistols carried by pilots and co-pilots. These have not yet been found.

NEW "FLIVVER" PLANE

"Flying Wing" Enters Field

A trim and certainly most flyable-looking version of the "flivver plane" is the Crusader, product of the American Gyro Company, of Denver, Colo., which is shortly to move its plant to Los Angeles. It is virtually a "flying wing" and combines the virtues of a private plane with a commercial transport job.

It has a short cabin of tear-drop shape with wide visibility and partially isolated from noise since no engines are fastened on its nose or rear.

The Crusader's cabin accommodates four people, an ideal size for a "family" type plane. It has a cruising speed of about 140 miles an hour. On a test flight from Denver to Los Angeles the plane is said to have consumed only 11 gallons of gasoline an hour.

THE "RIVER SHELDT SPARROW"

The Netherlands reply to France's "Pou du Ciel" and England's "Flying Flea" is the "River Scheldt Sparrow," midjet aeroplane which recently took the air successfully.

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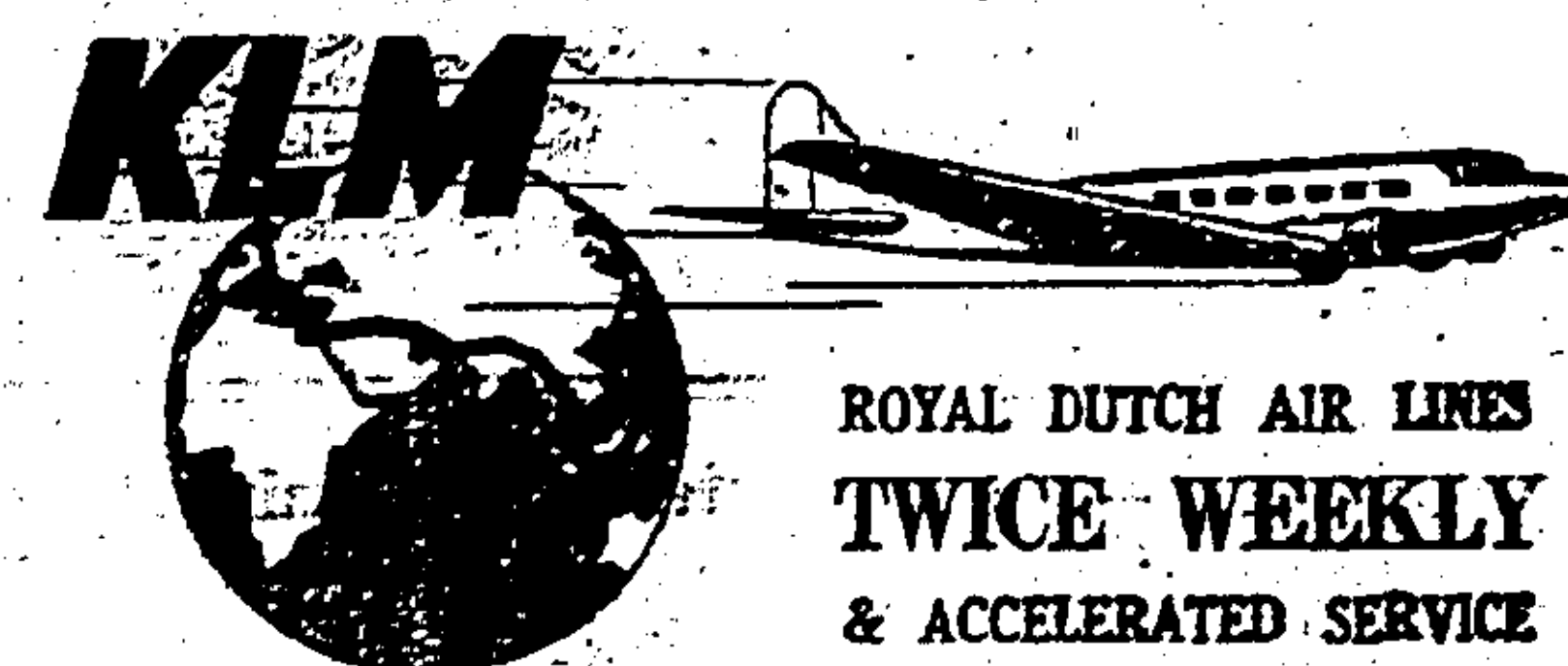
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REFUGEES FROM RUSSIA

Tragic Fate Of Many Women

POSITION IN SHANGHAI

(By H. P. S. MATTHEWS)
Action is to be taken to remedy the tragic state of Russian refugee women in the Far East, revealed by the recently published report of a League of Nations enquiry.

After the Communist Revolution of 1917 exiles streamed over the frontiers of Russia into all the neighbouring countries, a very large number of them taking refuge in Manchuria and other parts of North China. The miseries of their flight have often been described. Many had become separated from their relations and, in the stations through which they passed, notice boards were covered with their scribbled enquiries for brothers, sisters, sons and daughters with whom they hoped to re-establish contact.

They arrived in China in a state of hopeless destitution. In addition many of the Russians already resident in the Railway Zone were deprived of their incomes and themselves became destitute. For many of these people prostitution formed the only alternative to a lingering death from hunger and exposure. White Slave traffickers were quick to seize the opportunity of exploiting their misery.

League Enquiry
The League enquiry was held with the object of seeing what could be done to rescue these unfortunate women and give them an opportunity of making a fresh start in life. One passage in the report states:

The plight of Russian women and girls in Shanghai is truly heart-rending. Not less than 22½ per cent. of all Russian women between the ages of 16 and 44 are said to be engaged in professional or casual prostitution.

Another report says:
As far as women actually practising prostitution are concerned, they would, if liberated from their *souteneurs*, thankfully accept work which would give them an opportunity of leading an honest life.

Agent Appointed
The Assembly of the League of Nations decided to appoint an agent in the Far East whose task would be to care for the interests of these people and co-ordinate the work already being done on their behalf. The League was obliged, however, from reasons of economy, to ask private charities to find the necessary funds—a sum of £2,000. Women's organisations in Great Britain are to collaborate in this work, and a meeting is to be held shortly, presided over by Lord Cecil, at which an appeal for funds will be issued. The speaker will be Dame Rachel Crowley, who has very great experience of the humanitarian activities of the League.

PROGRAMME FOR TOURISTS

Drives Round Island & New Territories

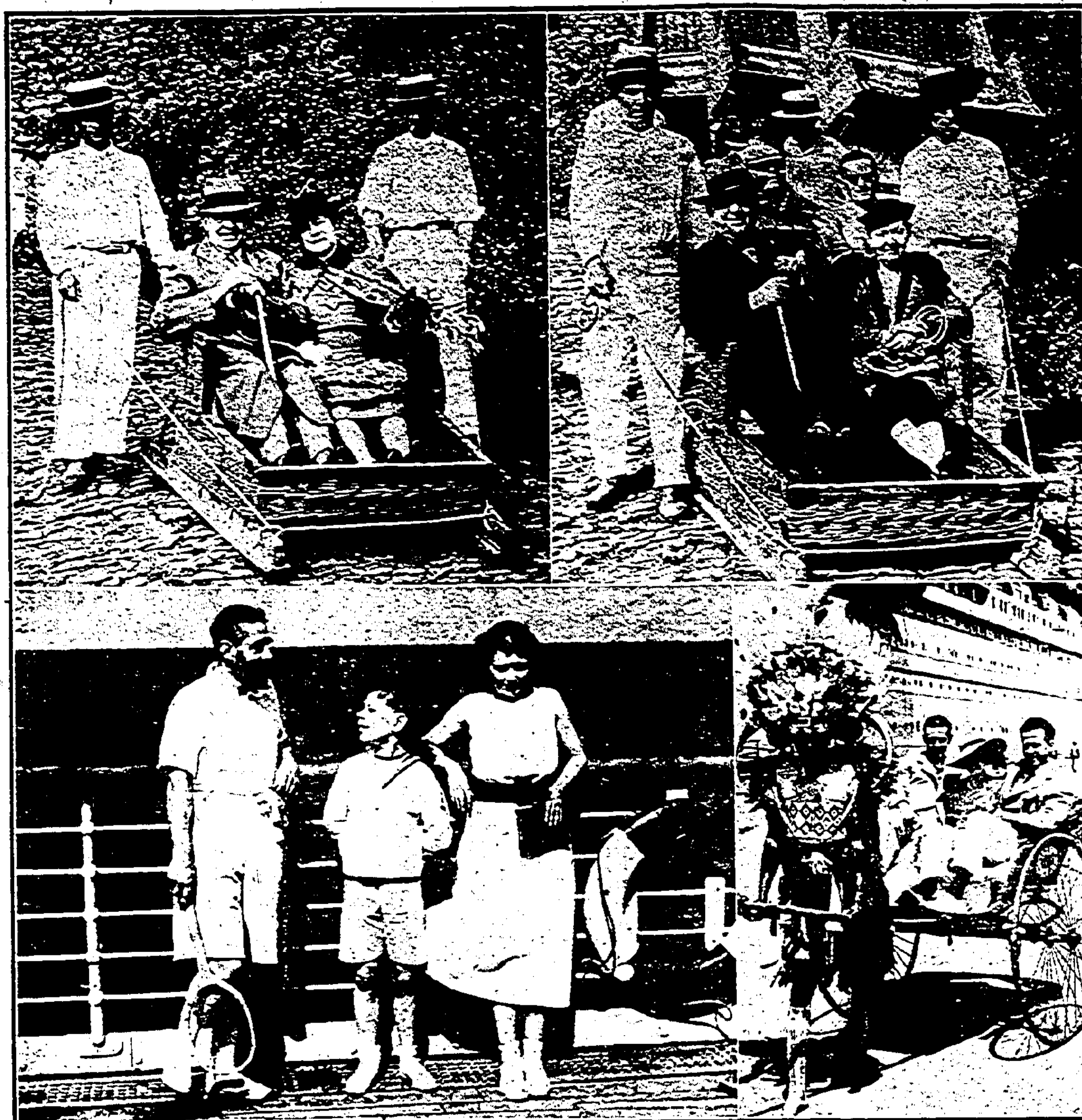
An interesting programme has been arranged for the Empress of Britain tourists to-day, the main features being trips round the Island and a 60-mile drive round the New Territories.

The "A" party will have this morning free for independent action and lunch will be taken on board. They leave at 2.15 p.m. by a special "Star Ferry" for Hong Kong, where they will commence their motor trip round the Island, via Causeway Bay, Shaukiwan and Tytan Reservoir to Repulse Bay Hotel, where tea will be served at 3.15 p.m.

At 4.15 p.m. they will continue their trip, via Deep Water Bay, Aberdeen, Pokfulam, the University, Government House, the Botanical Gardens and Garden Road, returning by a special "Star Ferry" at 5.30 p.m. to the ship. Dinner will be taken on board.

The "B" party will leave the ship at 9.30 a.m. by motor cars for a trip round the New Territories and will return to the Empress of Britain for lunch. This afternoon will be free and dinner will be taken on board.

Recent appointments notified by the Admiralty include the following: Capt. R. G. Duke to Adventure (March 14); Lt. T. L. Caning to Medway (March 6).



Our photographs show how some of the Empress of Britain tourists enjoy their leisure moments afloat and ashore. Upper left shows Mr. and Mrs. David B. Dearborn, of New York, ready for their slide down the mountain at Madeira, while in the upper right picture the Hon. G. Howard and Mrs. Ferguson, of Toronto, Canada, are seen preparing for their experience of the "carrinho-de-monte" in the same port. Mr. Ferguson was formerly Premier of Ontario and recently resigned from the position of Canadian High Commissioner for Great Britain. The two bottom photographs show (left) Commander C. T. H. Bradshaw, with his wife and son, enjoying the sea-breezes aboard the liner, and (right) a happy party at Durban, including (left to right) Mr. Fred Snite, Jr., and Miss Loretto Snite, of Chicago, and Mr. Terrence J. Dillon, of Hollywood.

for STAMP COLLECTORS

By A. E. L.

The Double Flagstaff
THE February G.S.M. contains the following notice:

"As there have been suggestions and even statements in some of our contemporaries to the effect that 'double flagstaff' varieties in the Silver Jubilee issues will be catalogued, I think it only fair to state that we ourselves have never at any time suggested that these will be catalogued, nor will they, in fact, be included in the catalogue lists. They are interesting varieties, and if the fact that they occur in the Jubilee issues has given them greater prominence, this does not entitle them to catalogue rank."



This is one side of the story. On the other hand the Home papers report a sale recently held at Harpers, London, when four Falkland Island 1/- stamps flagstaff variety brought £18, 10s. and others with the same peculiarity realised sums of from 30 shillings to 5 guineas each.

Hong Kong Collector

I have already reported the death of Surgeon Captain G. T. Bishop, one of the foremost authorities on Hong Kong stamps. His collection which included many interesting items, was sold by auction on March 2 and 3. As soon as the full list of prices realised is available, I shall publish all items of general interest.

Auction Of Accessories

MANY objects of great interest to philatelists are included in a sale completed in London. They comprise all the philatelic goods of Perkins, Bacon and Co.

Ltd., Southwark—the firm which printed the first postage stamp, 96 years ago.

The objects, which have been acquired by Charles Nissen and Co., the London dealers, include:



The original "lay-out" devised by Sir Rowland Hill, originator of the penny postage, for the plates for the first penny black stamps, in which he set out and explained the scheme of check letters, used to identify the plates;

The proof sheet of the One Penny, 1855, printed in black, after 1,000,000 impressions had been taken;

Proofs of the early penny stamps, including a range of colour trials;

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Limited Chinese Issue
The "New Life Movement"

stamps, issued by the Nanking Government and put into circulation on January 1 of this year, have not been exhausted as was rumoured. There is still an ample supply at the Shanghai Post Office to meet present demand. Nevertheless, the complete set promises to become a rarity in the not too distant future and collectors would be advised to make sure of the series before it becomes extinct.



For such it will become. This series has stamps of four denominations: two cents, five cents, twenty cents, and one dollar. Only 400,000 one dollar stamps have been issued and therefore there can only be 400,000 thousand complete sets. In the stamp world this number is regarded as very small. The stamps of smaller denominations have been issued in larger numbers. It has been impossible to learn how low the stock of one dollar stamps has run since these stamps are being used all over the country.

Macau Air Mail

This Portuguese colony of Macau is to be provided with its first Air Mail issue by overprinting the word "Aviso" on the current 2, 3, 7 and 8 avos stamps and surcharging in addition the 5 avos with a new value, 6 avos.

ATHLETIC FAVOURED FOR TO-DAY

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Rehearse At Forward

South China are likely to rehearse their forwards, and if Ho Kar-keung leads the attack George Tsang, whom he replaces, will either support him or play at half-back.

Yeung Shui-yick, their former right-winger, is still one of their most dangerous forwards, although he is on the left-wing, and will need to be carefully watched. The encounter is likely to bring out the best in both teams and a thrilling struggle is anticipated.

WANTSTAI SCHOOL SPORTS

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High Jump (Senior): 1, Cheng Kwai-min; 2, Fong Wah-cheung.
High Jump (Junior): 1, Chan Yick-yuen; 2, Lau Yan-fee.
Half-mile (Senior): 1, Li Man-cheung; 2, Wan Cheng-chi.
Half-mile (Junior): 1, Lo Kam-wing; 2, Lau Yan-fee.
100 yards (Senior): 1, Li Man-cheung; 2, Kwan Fong-ming.
100 yards (Junior): 1, Mak Kwong-sing; 2, Hau Ching-kai.
75 yards (Midget): 1, Pang Ting-po; 2, Yuen Kin-wan.
220 yards (Senior): 1, Li Man-cheung; 2, Kwan Fong-ming.
220 yards (Junior): 1, Mok Kwong-sing; 2, Chan Hon-sau.
100 yards (Midget): 1, Pang Ting-po; 2, Yuen Kin-wan.
Sack Race (Open): 1, Fong Wah-cheung; 2, Yeung Tse-fong.
Three-legged Race (Open): 1, Fong Wah-cheung and Cheng Kwan-min; 2, Mo Chi-buen and Li Man-cheung.
Past Pupils Race: 1, Mak Shing-chung; 2, Li Lai-min.
Consolation Race: 1, Tung Sui-kei; 2, Wong Suk-wong.

Inter-class Team Race (Senior)
1, Class 4A; 2, Class 4B.
Inter-class Team Race (Junior)
1, Class 7.
Inter-school, Relay Race: Yau-mat School.

CANOSSIAN INSTITUTE'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION

On the occasion of the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of the arrival of the Canossian Sisters of Charity in Hong Kong, an old resident and former pupil of the Canossian Sisters, by courtesy of the Hong Kong Broadcasting Committee, will give a short talk on the Canossian Institute's 75 years in Hong Kong, from the local Studio, from 8.25 to 8.35 p.m. on Tuesday next. This year the Italian Convent commemorates also the centenary of the death of the Venerable Magdalen, Marchioness of Canossa, foundress of the Institute.

The next meeting for meditation and discussion conducted by Dr. Reichelt at the Tao Fong Shan Chapel, Bishop's House, Hong Kong, will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday next. The subject will be the Gospel of St. John.

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DEATH OF MARINE OFFICER

Mr. John M. Clare

FOUND ON DECK OF HIS SHIP

The Chief Officer of the river steamer Kwong Fook Cheung, Mr. John Michael Clare, was found lying dead on the deck of the vessel at the Po Tak wharf, Hong Kong, yesterday morning.

The Kwong Fook Cheung arrived from Wanchow at 2.15 a.m. and when Captain R. Elvidge was leaving the ship at 2.30 a.m. he went ashore, and although he was not seen returning to the ship he was discovered dead outside the cabin of the Chief Engineer, Mr. S. Musso, at 6 a.m.

A native of Co. Wexford, Ireland, the late Mr. Clare was 53 years of age. He had been serv-

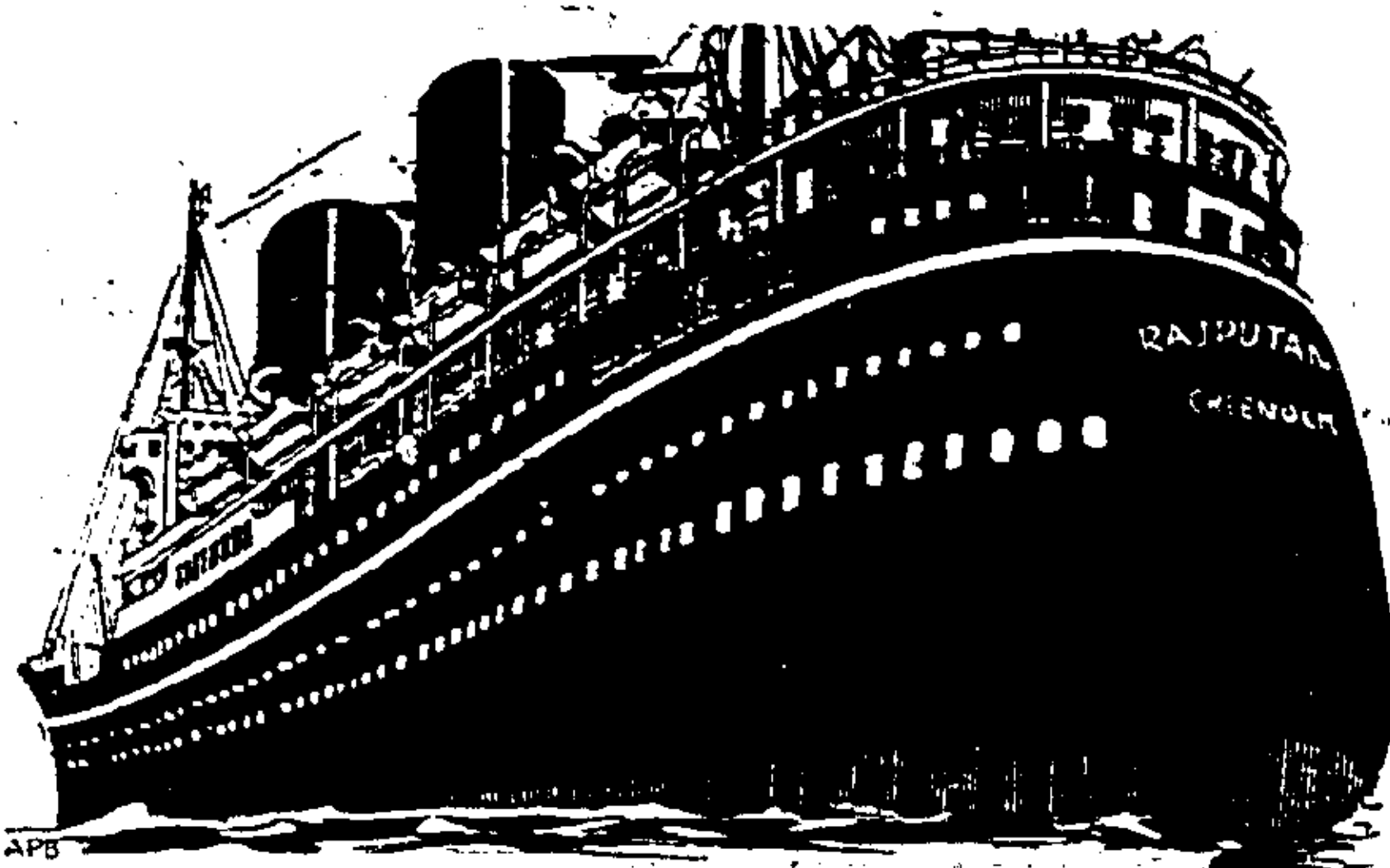
ing on the Kwong Fook Cheung for eleven months, prior to which he was in the employment of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire. He leaves a widow and three children, who are at present in Ireland.

The funeral took place at 11.30 this morning at the Roman Catholic cemetery, Happy Valley.

HITLER SPEAKS AT HAMBURG

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Isolation and go on her way alone. Germany had just made the world a great offer, which was not a mere gesture. If the world was not answered: "Yes, but will you keep what you promise," the world has no right whatever to speak about treaties. Germany would be in position to present a bill showing what treaties other Powers had not kept since 1918. — Trans-Ocean Service.



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RANPURA	17,000	13th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*SUDAN	7,000	20th June	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	27th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
CORFU	14,500	11th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANCHI	17,000	25th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
NALDEKA	16,000	8th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	22nd Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

Eddie Harkness and his Orchestra from Studio
Davenport News Bulletin
12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Record Programme
1 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report
1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletins
Rugby Press, News, etc.
2.15 p.m.—Close down
4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme
6.30-7 p.m.—Chinese Dance Music
7 p.m.—12.30 a.m.—European Programme

7-7.30 p.m.—Military Band Music
Silver Trumpets—Grand Processional March (Viviani)
Slavonic Rhapsody (arr. Winterbottom)
The Old Frog Pond (Alford)
Parade of the Elephants (Chenette)
Hungarian Dance ("From Foreign Parts") (Moszkowski)
Le Reve Passe (Elmer)
8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report
7.30-8.30 p.m.—From the Studio
Eddie Harkness and his Orchestra
Concert

1. Victor Herbert Favourite Melodies
Herbert
2. Trees
Rashbach
3. Fair Moon
Lokan
4. L'Amour Toujours L'Amour
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5. Serenade
Toselli
Dance Music

Fox-Trot—
Alone ("A Night at the Opera")
Love Song of Tahiti
The Music goes Round and Round
Dances Melodie
Lights Out
Treasure Isle
Waltz—
Beautiful Lady in Blue
8.30-8.50 p.m.—A Jazz Piano Recital by Raie da Costa

1. Everyone says "I Love you."
2. Butterflies in the Rain
3. Sunshine Susie—Medley
4. Goodnight Vienna—Medley
5. I'll String along with you
6. What are your intentions
8.50-9.15 p.m.—Variety Items
Song—
Give me a heart to Sing to
Helen Morgan
Organ Solo—
The Blue Danube Waltz
Reginald Foot.

Songs—
Slumberland
Josephine
Les Allen (Baritone)
Accordeon Solo—
Stars Over Devon
George Scott-Wood
Vocal—
When that Harvest Moon is Shining
Good Night
The Hill Billies

Orchestra—
Sweet Memories
Romantic Waltz Medley
Eddie Carroll and his Music
9.15-9.30 p.m.—The J. H. Squire
Celeste Cotet
La Paloma—Spanish Serenade
(Yradier)

0 Sole Mio (di Capua)
Good Company Medley (arr. Goodwilloughby)
9.30-9.45 p.m.—A Relay of the Davenport News Bulletin (Copyright by Benter)
9.45 p.m.—12 midnight—A Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra
10 p.m.—Big Ben
12-12.30 a.m.—A Relay from Davenport
England v Scotland. A running commentary on the last half an hour of the International Rugby Union Football Match by Captain H. B. T. Wakelam. Relayed from Twickenham.

12.30 a.m.—Close Down
Note: There will be a Chinese recorded programme from Z.E.R. on a frequency of 640 kilocycles from 6-10.30 p.m.

Only The Best For Mother

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The flowers made me think of the time when all the Centerville boys began going with girls, taking them to the movies and buying them ice-cream sodas. Tom Stoner never had a girl. I guess he felt cheap, not being able to do the way the other boys did. I remember asking him one Saturday morning when he was cutting up some firewood for me, if he wasn't going to the high school dance that night. He just said no, and I'd have thought he didn't mind except that he got so queer and red, even his ears.

Yet here he was now, middle-aged and prosperous and apparently forgetting all about those cruel years. Fairly forcing luxuries on a mother who didn't even have the decency to be grateful.

Why, Mrs. Stoner told me, as though it were a grievance, that Tom simply made her keep some pert hussy of a maid. And she fairly glared at him when she heard about the train drawing-room he'd taken for her, said she liked it better out in the main Pullman where you could see what was going on.

When I was leaving, and Tom walked out to the elevator with me, I was so exasperated I spoke franker than I meant to.

"Tom Stoner," I said, "I don't think you're called upon to do so much for your mother."
"Oh yes, I am, Mrs. Blaine," he said quickly. "I'm not doing a thing to Mother that she doesn't deserve."

"Well, I can't see it. Jewellery and furs and French maids and travel—don't you ever think of the way she treated you when you were a boy?"

"Yes," Tom said. He paused a moment. "Yes, indeed, I think of it—quite often still."

"She doesn't appreciate all you do for her," I insisted. "She doesn't—I suddenly realised that this was true—she doesn't even like it. I think it actually hurts her to see money being spent lavishly."

I looked up at Tom uneasily, fearing I'd said too much.

"Yes," he said quietly. "you're quite right. She hates it. It really hurts her."

"Well, then why on earth—"

I began. But I stopped suddenly. The strangest look had come over Tom's face, wiping away all the indulgent good humour. It lasted only a brief instant; a moment and it was gone and he was smiling again.

"I'm running things now," he said pleasantly. "And I see to it that Mother gets everything that's coming to her. The best of everything."

It was the sort of thing any prosperous indulgent man might say of a mother he adored. But I've never forgotten that look that flashed for a moment across Tom Stoner's otherwise kindly face. It was the unmistakable look of triumph and revenge.

[THE END]



King Edward VIII (arrow) is seen as he sprinkles some earth upon the casket of his late father, King George V, after it had been lowered into the floor of St. George's Chapel, Windsor, burial place of England's Kings. The Queen Mother is shown in the foreground, facing the burial crypt.

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"JAPAN MUST FIGHT STREET SLEEPERS' SOCIETY"

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Suez Canal, attack upon Hong Kong, Australia, and the Netherlands East Indies.

"Britain Not To Be Feared"
If it comes to war, Britain is "not to be feared," neither as a naval, military, nor industrial power, says the author.

"The traditional spirit of the British Navy," he says, "has degenerated, and it is obsessed by the defensive instead of the offensive."

He says that if Japan made a good start by sinking three or four of the British China Squadron cruisers and got half a dozen battleships by her torpedo attacks, she would be able to meet the British Fleet on equal terms and to make sure of success in a decisive action.

He would descend on Hong Kong and Singapore, "like a bolt" and capture them, but she would not attempt to occupy Australia or New Zealand until she destroyed the British Fleet and gained command of the sea.

If Britain were defeated, or left unable to recover for many years, France and Italy would have Europe at their feet, which is just what they desire. But if Britain won, she would demand that the Japanese renounce their policy of expansion—and before long other wars would be fought.

Singapore "A Threat"
He regards the Singapore base as a "very serious threat," and writes:—"If England is in a position to dispatch a powerful fleet to the Far East in a few days, the hands of her diplomats in China will be greatly strengthened. China herself will become upbraid and begin to treat us with scant respect."

He offers no constructive suggestions for the maintenance of peace (says the "Daily Sketch"), but merely repeats vaguely:—"England and America must give way."

It is a queer naive piece of work, says a Daily Herald reviewer. "Englishmen," says the Lieutenant-Commander, "should quietly and soberly consider what I have said." There is point in that. It is a silly book. But the fact that a lot of Japanese are thinking along such lines is a fact to be taken into account.

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Statistics Of Numbers Accommodated

The following is a report of the number of sleepers who occupied the shelters during the seven nights (March 13 to March 19 inclusive):—

St. Peter's (West Point):—Capacity, 129; Total Sleepers, 903; Turned away, 4.

Po Yan Street (Central):—Capacity, 153; Total Sleepers, 1,113; Turned away, 5.

Nathan Road (Kowloon):—Capacity, 150; Total Sleepers, 1,038; Turned away, 0.

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"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

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The Berlin University honour was awarded to Sir Hugh in the German Embassy in London by the Ambassador, Dr. von Hoesch.—Trans-Ocean Service.

THE COMBINED MANOEUVRES

(Continued from Page 1)

Owing to the necessity for low flying anti-aircraft search-lights had considerable difficulty in keeping their targets, but again the aircraft suffered severely from guns and Lewis machine-guns.

NIGHT RAIDS
During the night, raids were carried out by enemy ships as follows:—

On Tolo Harbour, when the railway and the vicinity of Ma Niu Shui was damaged, but the mobile troops on the Taipo road prevented any satisfactory reconnaissance being carried out by the enemy or any extensive damage being done.

The second raid was on Castle Peak Road, in the area of Shan erments.

Tseng (the brewery) and resulted in damage to the road bridge. Re-pairs to the bridge and road are being expeditiously carried out by the Public Works Department.

The Castle Peak mobile troops sighted the enemy before they could land, and a reserve force from mainland headquarters was rushed out in buses before they could secure a landing or any damage could be effected.

HARBOUR ATTACKS FAIL

The enemy also attempted to enter Hong Kong Harbour by the eastern and western entrances.

Fortress Headquarters received ample warning of enemy shipping approaching the shores of the New Territories and of the Island.

Owing to the alertness of the naval and police close-watching organisation, the fixed defence (lights and guns) received ample warning and engaged the ships well before their approach to our minefields. The only results achieved by the harbour attacks were that a few of the mines were cleared, but intensive damage was done to enemy shipping.

It is anticipated that the enemy, after their reconnaissance raids of the night of March 20-21, will attack in force to-night, but it is confidently expected that with the help of the Hong Kong Volunteer

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

The annual sports of the Kowloon Junior School will be held on Tuesday next at the Kowloon Cricket Club, beginning at 10.30 a.m.

Mr. A. G. Hewitt, F.R.I.B.A., the well-known architect and civil engineer, left to-day for England on retirement by the P. and O. liner Corfu, thus severing an association with the Colony which has lasted for over twenty-six years.

An alteration to the Air Navigation Directions (Hong Kong), 1932, so the effect that landing, alighting and housing fees and charges will be to a scale as may be laid down from time to time by the Director of Air Services and published in the Government Gazette, is notified in the latest issue of the Gazette.

The Douglas steamer Haiching was damaged on Tuesday this week when at Canton, in a slight collision with the China Merchants' steamer Kung Ping. The Haiching returned to Hong Kong on Thursday, and yesterday went into dock at Kowloon.

TOO LIKE TREATY OF VERSAILLES

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LEAGUE COUNCIL ADJOURNS

London: After a brief private meeting the Council yesterday afternoon adjourned until Monday, by which time all the members should have received any necessary instructions from their Governments.

It is learned in authoritative British circles that only a small force is contemplated under the proposed neutral zone for the policing scheme.

ITALIAN ATTITUDE

Rome: The Italian Government is studying the proposals relating to the German infraction of Locarno, but its attitude continues to be reserved in view of the Italian policy to take no part in an agreement or joint action in European affairs with the countries applying sanctions.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

STATESMEN VISIT PALACE

The following statesmen in London for the meeting of the League Council visited Buckingham Palace yesterday: M. Paul Boncour, Herr Von Ribbentrop, Mr. Stanley Bruce and the League's Secretary-General, M. Avenol. His Majesty also received in the course of the day the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, and the new Minister for Co-operation of Defence, Sir Thomas Inskip.—British Wireless Service.

Defence Corps, which will then be in action, an attack either on the New Territories or on the Island will be repulsed.

Government Appointments

The following appointments, etc. are notified in the Government Gazette:—

Messrs. H. J. Pearce, C. B. Robertson, R. S. W. Paterson and J. H. Bottomley have been deputed to act on behalf of the Building Authority in all cases referred to in Sections 117, 118, 119 and 120 of the Buildings Ordinance, 1935, in connection with dangerous buildings;

Baron Johan Hugo Beck-Frue has been appointed Swedish Consul-General for Hong Kong, with residence at Shanghai;

Mr. Alfred Brearley has been appointed a member of the Exchange Fund Advisory Committee;

Mr. David Mercer MacDougall is to be Deputy Clerk of Councils, with effect from March 20;

Sergeant Daniel Marshall has been raised to the rank of Second Lieutenant in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from March 14;

Mr. Roland Arthur Charles North is to act as Colonial Secretary, with effect from March 23;

Mr. William James Carrie is to act as Secretary for Chinese Affairs, with effect from March 23;

Mr. Henry Robert Butters is to be Postmaster-General, with effect from March 23;

Mr. Ronald Euskin Todd is to be Chairman of the Urban Council, with effect from March 23;

Mr. Humphrey John Crutwell is to be His Excellency the Governor's Private Secretary, with effect from March 23;

There will be no dinner dance this evening at Repulse Bay Hotel, but the usual tea dance will be held to-morrow at 4.30 p.m.

The names of William Innes Gerrard and Li Tim-chih are added to the list of medical practitioners entitled to practise medicine in the Colony.

EDEN'S STATEMENT ON NEGOTIATIONS

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inform France and Belgium indicating their position in the event of a possible breakdown of the negotiations.

The German Government had stressed the wish for a relaxation of the tension which could only lead to disaster. It was now for them to show what contribution they were willing to make. The British objectives throughout had been to avert the peril of the immediate critical international situation and to create an opportunity for a settlement in Western Europe on a firm and enduring foundation.

FLANDIN'S STATEMENT
Paris: Simultaneously with Mr. Eden's speech in the House of Commons M. Flandin, French Foreign Minister, expounded the situation at the last meeting of the Chamber before the dissolution.

There would be no vote. M. Flandin declared. After days of anguish the Government had brought consolidation to peace without abandoning the principles laid down from the first. There was no question of international police occupying any part of French or Belgian territory. That would be a monstrous iniquity which the French negotiations would never have accepted.

M. Flandin declared amid applause from the Left and Centre that Anglo-French relations had been strengthened as a result of the London conversations, and concluded by expressing the hope that the German Government would take account of the gravity of what had been done and realise that the situation had been treated with moderation.

BERLIN REACTION

Berlin: The first impression of the London proposals was far from pleasant. The question is asked: How can The Hague decide a matter prejudged by the League Council resolution concerning a German breach? It is held that the demilitarized zone plan does not conform to the principles of mutual equality. German public opinion would never understand the suggestion that foreign troops should be quartered on German soil.

Anxiety is felt whether the proposed international conference will not be overloaded with a quantity of plans and proposals beside Herr Hitler's and drag on interminably over the old ground.

Herr Hitler was likely to reply to the White Paper speech at Hamburg last night.

GERMANY'S BIG CHANCE

Brussels: M. Van Zeeland, the Prime Minister, in a statement on the Locarno proposals in the Chamber, declared that the risks of war would disappear if Germany accepted the proposals. He expressed the opinion that Germany would be divided among herself if she refuses them.—Reuter.

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